

Spring Semester Outline 2009
Thursday Externship Class
Meeting Time: 4:00 - 5:40
Class Location: Room 101

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First class
Jan 15, 2009

First class-overview of presentation and paper requirements and working as a team.

Assignment due Jan 15:

Read chapter #19 in Learning from Practice about presentations for the first class.

Jan 22

Class discussion of placements and your goals, come prepared to discuss these issues in the seminar. Training will be given for use of all computer and projector equipment in the classroom for presentation.

Assignment due Jan 22:

Complete goal sheet for second semester after reflecting on your last semester's evaluation and accomplishments.
Complete new conflict of interest form.
(All forms are on Blackboard)

Jan. 29 First Team Presentation: Erin Magary and Derek Harnsberger
Topic: Federal Student Loan Forgiveness Program and Loan Repayment

Assignment due on Jan 29:

Read the blackboard assignment or hand out that will be selected by the presenting team and come prepared to participate.

Journal: write one or two pages about getting back to work at your placement. Tell me some of your impressions about coming back. Are you seeing anything new after being away, something that this new perspective helps you to see upon your return? Maybe you have made some New Year's resolutions that apply to your externship placement, if so you can write about those.

Feb 5 No Class

Feb 12 Team Presentation: Elizabeth Cesari and Natalie Matychak
Topic: Body Language and Lie Detection in Jury Selection and Dealing with Witnesses

Assignment due Feb 12:

Read the blackboard assignment or hand out that will be selected by the presenting team and come prepared to participate.

Complete the evaluation on the class presentation from Jan. 29th. A form for this assignment is on Blackboard and you will use it for every subsequent class presentation evaluation. If you were the presenters there is a special form for the presenting team members to complete.

Feb 19 Stress in the Legal Profession – come prepared to discuss the topics raised in the reading and your journal assignment.
Discussion lead by Prof. Pfeiffer.

Assignment for Feb 19:

Read the assignment for Feb 19th presentation posted on Blackboard.

Complete the evaluation for the team presentation from Feb. 12th.

Journal: Interview a lawyer at your placement on the topic of stress. Address how it is produced, what are the manifestations of stress for this lawyer, what does the lawyer do to manage stress, what tips does the lawyer have for you concerning this topic. Ask anything else you want concerning this topic.

Feb 26 Team Presentation: Kevin Tuliszewski and Lindsay Wunrow
Topic: Alternative Legal Careers

Assignment for Feb 26:

Read the team's reading which will appear on Blackboard.

Journal: Write one or two pages about work at your placement. Have you found that you have been given different assignments this semester or been given more responsibility? What do you think about that?

March 5 Team Presentation: Jeff Bordon and Thomas Hodgkins
Topic: Financial for Lawyers, "Planning for your future"

Assignment for March 5:

Read the assignment for March 5th presentation on Blackboard

Evaluation of the class presentation from Feb 26th.

Spring Break Week March 9-15

March 19 Millennial Generation in the Law Firm - presentation and discussion lead by Prof. Pfeiffer.

Assignment for March 19:

Read assignment on Generations in the Law Office for March 19th will be posted on Blackboard.

Complete team evaluation from March 5 presentation

March 26 Team Presentation: Emily Brown, John Mancuso and Luis Ormaechea
Topic: How to buy a home and do a closing

Assignment for March 26:

Read the assignment for March 26th presentation on Blackboard.
Journal: write reflective comments on the Millennial Generation class.
You may want to talk to your supervisors about the topic to see what their thoughts are on the subject of the different generations approach to communication and work. Such a discussion may help figure out ways to accommodate each other in your current placement and your future work.

April 2 Team Presentation BoHyun Chun and Michael Swain
Topic: Attorney Networking and Rainmaking

Assignment for April 2:

Read the assignment for April 2nd presentation on Blackboard.
Evaluation of presentation from March 26th.
Be sure you are working on your court observation paper which is due soon.

April 9 Topic: To be determined

Assignment for April 9:

Court Observation Paper is due on April 9th in class.
Evaluation from April 2nd presentation.

April 16 Team Presentation: Joshua Werbeck and Molly Scullin
Topic: Professional Etiquette

Assignment for April 16:

Read the assignment for April 16th presentation.
Journal: Write 2 or 3 pages discuss what you have done to

further your goals at you placement this semester. How successful are you feeling at this point in meeting your goals? Have you taken on any new areas of practice? Have you been able to use your practice order? This is your last journal that I ask you talk about your placement in these terms so include any last thoughts here as there is no final paper.

April 23

Last class – Wrap up, evaluations to be done in class of your placement and hand in letters and last time sheet.

Assignment for April 23:

Evaluation for the class presentation from April 16th.
Journal assignment: write a letter to your extern replacement. Tell the students what they need to know to make this a successful placement. Write about anything you learned that would make their adjustment faster and easier than your's. This will be handed out to the students at the beginning of the next semester. If you want to have your name not appear on the letter, hand it in with a cover sheet that contains your name so I know who it is from. I will remove the cover sheet before I hand it out next semester.