

DRAFT SYLLABUS (always subject to change):

Monday, August 22

Class Procedures

The Structure of the Court Systems (Federal, New Jersey)

Wednesday, August 24

The Structure of the Court Systems (Federal, New Jersey) - conclusion

Federalism and Appellate Advocacy

Monday, August 29

Introductory Oral Argument

Wednesday, August 31

Appealability - Theory and Practice [Read Chapters 2, 3 & 18]

Monday, September 5

No class - Labor Day

Wednesday, September 7

Term assignments given out - ***NO WITHDRAWAL FROM CLASS AFTER THIS DATE***

Case Analysis

Monday, September 12

Standards of Review [Read Chapters 33 & 34]

Wednesday, September 14

Research Methodologies

Monday, September 19

Appellate Brief Writing - Part I [Read Chapter 23]

Wednesday, September 21

Due: Procedural History draft [Review 23:2-1(f)]

Oral Presentation, Procedural History

Monday, September 26

Review of Procedural History

Wednesday, September 28

Oral Argument in the Appellate Courts [Read Chapter 26]

Monday, October 3

Brief Writing/Oral Argument - Part II

Wednesday, October 5

Due: Statement of Facts draft [Review 23:2-1(g)]

Oral Presentation, Statement of Facts

Monday, October 10

Oral Presentation, Statement of Facts - conclusion

Wednesday, October 12

Review of Statement of Facts

Monday, October 17

Due: Legal Issue #1 draft [Review 23:2-1(h)]

Oral presentation of Legal Argument on Issue #1

Wednesday, October 19

Oral presentation of Legal Argument on Issue #1 - continued

Monday, October 24

Oral presentation of Legal Argument on Issue #1 - continued

Wednesday, October 26

Review of Legal Writing Issues

Monday, October 31

Appellate Procedures [Review Part IV, especially Chapters 18-20]

Wednesday, November 2

Due: Legal Issue #2 draft

Oral presentation of Legal Argument on Issue #2

Monday, November 7

Oral presentation of Legal Argument on Issue #2 - continued

Wednesday, November 9

Oral presentation of Legal Argument on Issue #2 - continued

Monday, November 14

Ethical Advocacy [Read Chapters 6 & 30]

Wednesday, November 16

Brief writing / oral argument - review (optional)

Monday, November 21

Due: Final Brief

Final arguments

Monday, November 28 - Thursday, December 1