Syllabus

Trial Advocacy I - Trial Ad for Competitors – Two (2) Credits

Course Requirements:

1) Students must be in their second year of Law School
2) Student must have completed or be currently enrolled in Evidence; This requirement can be waived by the instructor under appropriate conditions
3) Student must commit to compete in the Trial Ad in-school Intramural, and if selected, additional extramural competitions, ad directed by the Trial Ad Board. Specifically Texas Lawyers National Trial Competition or AAJ Trial Competition.

Class Schedule

1) The first two classes are lecture format covering the trial process from beginning to end, with applicability of Federal Rules of Procedure and Evidence. Attention is directed to either Criminal or Civil Practice depending on the extramural competition problems for that academic year.
2) All Class time is directed to particular and individual phases of the Trial Process to include
   a. Opening Statements
   b. Motions in Limine
   c. Presentation of Evidence
   d. Objections and side bar conferences
   e. Closing Arguments
3) All above a. thru e. are taught with particular consideration of how each fits within the students established “theory of the case” and the issues which may be particular to Trial Ad Competitions.
4) Focus will begin with the Intramural Problem, and upon completion of the Intramural Competition will re-focus on the then upcoming competitions, All students participate in all phases regardless of the individual competition they are scheduled to attend.
5) This is a Pass- Fail Class.