This course focuses on trial-level oral advocacy for students participating in intramural or extramural trial advocacy contests. All class participants must be participating in an intramural or extramural trial advocacy contest during the semester in which they register to take the course as a contestant, must receive permission of the instructor to register, and must have taken Evidence as a prerequisite or be taking Evidence during the same semester they enroll. The course is a 2 credit Pass/Fail course. Students may participate in the course a maximum of two times, subject to instructor approval.

Course Requirements:

Each student will be required to satisfactorily prepare for and participate in an intramural or extramural trial advocacy contest in order to earn credit for this course.

Textbook(s) and other required reading(s): Various readings will be assigned over the course of the semester.

Grading:

This course is graded CR/NC. Final course grades will be based on each student’s preparation for their individual contest and class participation. Students are expected to remain engaged and active class participants for the entire 14-week semester, even past their competition date. Students competing in an intramural only will be assigned additional responsibilities arguing against a competing extramural team or teams to ensure participation for 14 weeks.

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<td>Lecture and Discussion on hearsay and exceptions, impeachment, refreshing recollection, and introduction of exhibits and the role each plays in trial competitions</td>
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<td>The art of drafting openings, closings, directs and cross examinations;</td>
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September 27  Team meetings/practice; Focused discussion and practice on 1 trial advocacy topic
October 4    Team meetings/practices; Focused discussion and practice on 1 trial advocacy topic
October 11   NO CLASS/Observe Monday Schedule
October 18   Team meetings/practices
October 25   Team meetings/practices
November 1   Team meetings/practices
November 8   Team meetings/practices (if needed): Discussion of our participation in extra-mural competitions with what works and does not work in trial/competitions
November 15  Lecture and Discussion of the role of ethics in all aspects of trial and in competitions;
November 22  Discussion of preparing for a deposition and the art of using depositions at trial
November 29  No Class

- Dates of lectures may need to be changed depending on the dates of extra-murals.