

APPELLATE ADVOCACY, FALL 2011

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At Gann: 11:30 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. Monday

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11:30 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. Friday

Before and after class as needed at law school or at Gann

Attendance policies:

Class participation **DOES** count significantly; you can't participate if you're not here.

Lateness, absences, late papers, discourtesy to other students by talking while they are on their feet, etc., **WILL** be counted against your class participation grade. **Treat each class exactly as you would a court appearance.**

Class Withdrawal:

Withdrawal from this class after the final term assignment is handed out and students are assigned to brief and argue the case for either appellant or respondent will carry with it a **FAILING** grade for the semester. The sole exception to this rule is withdrawal for medical reasons with a doctor's certificate.

Collaboration policy:

ALL work at ALL stages of the course is to be your own. Do NOT work cooperatively with other students. It is not possible for me to gauge your work product and improvement if you are working with others. You may use other students who are NOT taking this class as practice judges for oral arguments, but that is all.

Grading:

Grades are **not** curved.

Class participation: 50%

Final Brief: 25%

Final Oral Argument: 25%

Texts and Other Materials:

Required:

N.J. Appellate Practice (Mandel, Gann, 2011 ed.)
(special student price: \$30.00)

Recommended:

N.J. Court Rules (Pressler, Gann, 2012 ed.)
(special student price: \$35.00)

Also worth considering:

Good, Mightier than the Sword; Powerful Writing in the Legal Profession (1989)
ISBN 0-9648247-0-1

Good, Legal Research... Without Losing Your Mind (1997)
ISBN 0-9648247-2-8; 4th edition (June 1997)

Both are currently out of print but may be available through www.amazon.com
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