

DRAFT SYLLABUS (always subject to change):

Monday, August 23

Class Procedures

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

Wednesday, August 25

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

Federalism and Appellate Advocacy

Monday, August 30

Introductory Oral Argument

Wednesday, September 1

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

Monday, September 6

No class - Labor Day

Wednesday, September 8

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

Case Analysis

Monday, September 13

Standards of Review [*Read Chapters 33 & 34*]

Wednesday, September 15

Research Methodologies

Monday, September 20

Appellate Brief Writing - Part I [*Read Chapter 23*]

Wednesday, September 22

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

Oral Presentation, Procedural History

Monday, September 27

Review of Procedural History

Wednesday, September 29

Oral Argument in the Appellate Courts [*Read Chapter 26*]

Monday, October 4

Brief Writing/Oral Argument - Part II

Wednesday, October 6

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

Oral Presentation, Statement of Facts

Monday, October 11

Oral Presentation, Statement of Facts - conclusion

Wednesday, October 13

Review of Statement of Facts

Monday, October 18

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

Oral presentation of Legal Argument on Issue #1

Wednesday, October 20

Oral presentation of Legal Argument on Issue #1 - continued

Monday, October 25

Oral presentation of Legal Argument on Issue #1 - continued

Wednesday, October 27

Review of Legal Writing Issues

Monday, November 1

Appellate Procedures

Wednesday, November 3

Due: Legal Issue #2 draft

Oral presentation of Legal Argument on Issue #2

Monday, November 8

Oral presentation of Legal Argument on Issue #2 - continued

Wednesday, November 10

Oral presentation of Legal Argument on Issue #2 - continued

Monday, November 15

Ethical Advocacy

Wednesday, November 17

Brief writing / oral argument - review (optional)

Monday, November 22

Due: Final Brief

Final arguments

Monday, November 29 - Thursday, December 2