Trial Advocacy - Emens

The class will be highly interactive. Each student will be expected to develop basic skills in three areas of trial advocacy; Opening Statement, Witness Examination, and Closing Argument. In developing these skills the class will explore the importance of case analysis and the need for a case theory and theme. We will discuss modern trial tactics and ways the rules of evidence and ethics structure a trial. Throughout the class we will examine how our actions during trial can affect our ability to be persuasive with the Judge and Jury.

TEXT Trial Techniques, Mauet current ed.

GRADING This is a PDF graded class. Come to class, do the assignments and you will pass.

Assignment for the first class Trial techniques chapters 1,2 and 9

Week 1	The Trial Process
Week 2	The Psychology of Persuasion
Week 3	Closing Arguments
Week 4	Direct Examination - lay witnesses
Week 5	Direct Examination - objections, foundations and exhibits
Week 6	Direct Examinations - objections, foundations and exhibits
Week 7	Direct Examination - expert witnesses
Week 8	Cross Examination - lay witnesses
Week 9	Cross Examination - expert witnesses
Week 10	Opening Statements
Week 11	Mock Trial One
Week 12	Mock Trial Two
Week 13	Closing Arguments Revisited
Week 14	Jury Selection