TRIAL ADVOCACY II CRIMINAL SECTION

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CLASSROOM

All classes will be conducted in Room A-245

CLASS MEETING

Tuesdays from 5:30 to 8:20 p.m

TEXT MATERIALS

ALABAMA RULES OF EVIDENCE – Each student will be responsible for reviewing and knowing the rules applicable for each class.

ALABAMA RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – Each student will be responsible for reviewing and knowing the rules applicable for each class.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS/ATTENDANCE

Attendance for all classes is mandatory as required by the Trial Advocacy Program. This course involves the participation of each class member in discussions and exercises.

Any absence from class, other than unexpected emergencies or illnesses, must be approved in advance by the instructor. Any unexcused absence will result in the lowering of the student’s grade.

If a student finds it necessary to miss a class, that class must be made up by attending another instructor’s class and notifying me of the date and time of attendance.

GRADING
This course is a Pass/D/Fail course. The instructor therefore has three options. While students expect and generally do in fact receive a grade of pass in this course, a D or failing grade will be awarded to students who are absent from class without permission; who fail to perform an assigned exercise; or who show a general lack of participation in class activities.

**COURSE METHODOLOGY**

The methodology for this course will be a mixture of lecture, discussion, demonstration (both live and videotape) and simulated skills exercises. Students will be expected to be actively involved in each week's class.

**CLASS EXERCISES**

Exercises for this semester will be drawn primarily from handouts. Exercises will generally be based on the class material from the previous week.

**WEEK ONE: AUGUST 17, 2010**
Introduction to Course: Explanation of attendance policy.

**WEEK TWO: AUGUST 24, 2010**
Trial proceedings and motions. Class exercise - “I know it when I hear it"

**WEEK THREE: AUGUST 31, 2010**
Evidence and objections. Class exercises.

**WEEK FOUR: SEPTEMBER 7, 2010**
Jury selection and voir dire. Capital cases - “Death Is Different”, even in jury selection. Class exercises

**WEEK FIVE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2010**
Opening statements. Class exercises

**WEEK SIX: SEPTEMBER 21, 2010**
Exhibits. Class exercises

WEEK SEVEN: SEPTEMBER 28, 2010
Direct Examination. Class exercises

WEEK EIGHT: OCTOBER 5, 2010
Cross examination. Videos

WEEK NINE: OCTOBER 12, 2010
Cross examination continued. Impeachment. Class exercises

WEEK TEN: OCTOBER 19, 2010
Experts, children and the problems they cause

WEEK ELEVEN: OCTOBER 26, 2010
Closing Statements. Class exercises

WEEK TWELVE: NOVEMBER 2, 2010
Verdicts and appeals. Class exercises

WEEK THIRTEEN: NOVEMBER 9, 2010
Trials

WEEK FOURTEEN: NOVEMBER 16, 2010
Trials

WEEK FOURTEEN: NOVEMBER 23, 2010
Class Assignment: Prepare a critique of Trial Ad I class