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.

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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 24, 2011
Introduction to Course: Explanation of attendance policy.

WEEK TWO: AUGUST 31, 2011
Trial proceedings and motions. Class exercise - “I know it when I hear it”

WEEK THREE: SEPTEMBER 7, 2011
Evidence and objections. Class exercises.

WEEK FOUR: SEPTEMBER 14, 2011
Jury selection and voir dire. Capital cases - “Death Is Different”, even in jury selection. Class exercises

WEEK FIVE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2011
Opening statements. Class exercises
WEEK SIX:        SEPTEMBER 28, 2011
Exhibits. Class exercises

WEEK SEVEN:     OCTOBER 5, 2011
Direct Examination. Class exercises

WEEK EIGHT:     OCTOBER 12, 2011
Cross examination. Videos

WEEK NINE:      OCTOBER 19, 2011
Cross examination continued. Impeachment. Class exercises

WEEK TEN:       OCTOBER 26, 2011
Experts, children and the problems they cause

WEEK ELEVEN:    NOVEMBER 2, 2011
Closing Statements. Class exercises

WEEK TWELVE:    NOVEMBER 9, 2011
Verdicts and appeals. Class exercises

WEEK THIRTEEN:  NOVEMBER 16, 2011
Trials

WEEK FOURTEEN:  NOVEMBER 30, 2011
Class Assignment: Prepare a critique of Trial Ad I class