Advanced Evidence Syllabus
Prerequisite: Evidence
Class Monday 5:30 – 7:20 pm
Room 172

The course is an in-depth examination of the rules governing the admissibility or exclusion of evidence at trial. The class is intended for students who anticipate being involved in trial work and want a greater understanding how the rules of evidence are applied in Alabama and Federal Courts. The primary focus will be on application of the rules in civil cases, as opposed to criminal cases, although particularly pertinent criminal case considerations will be addressed. The course will require a high degree of student participation in class discussions and in-class exercises.

One book is required:
Trial Evidence 4th edition, Mauet and Wolfson (in book store)

Covered over the course of the semester will be the entire array of the Federal Rules of Evidence, and, for comparative purposes, their counterparts in the Alabama Rules of Evidence. Significant differences between various counterpart rules within the two systems will be highlighted. Various discussion problems will be assigned in advance on a weekly basis, by reference to specific problems provided in conjunction with the Mauet text by its authors. Also, from time to time, discussion problems composed by Professor Harwood will be sent to the students reasonably in advance of class.

ADA Accommodations:
The Law School is committed to meeting the needs of students with physical, learning, and other disabilities, and provides appropriate accommodations and services tailored to each person’s specific requirements. The Law School’s associate deans and the University’s Office of Disability Services work together to help individuals with disabilities achieve and maintain individual autonomy. Students with disabilities are encouraged to contact the Office of Disabilities Services so that the individual’s needs for support services can be elevated and accommodated in a timely manner.

Attendance:
The Law School attendance policy will be in effect. Only two unexcused absences will be allowed.

Laptop Policy:
Laptops may only be used in class for purposes dealing with the class.

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