TRIAL ADVOCACY II CRIMINAL SECTION

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CLASSROOM
All classes will be conducted in Room A-245

CLASS MEETING
Wednesdays 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 16, 2017
Trial proceedings and motions.
Class exercise - I know it when I hear it

WEEK TWO:  AUGUST 23, 2017
Evidence and objections.  Class exercises.

WEEK THREE:  August 30, 2017
Jury selection and voir dire.  Capital cases - Death Is Different, even in jury selection.  Class exercises

WEEK FOUR:  SEPTEMBER 6, 2017
Opening Statements.  Class exercises

WEEK FIVE:  SEPTEMBER 13, 2017
Exhibits.  Class exercises

WEEK SIX:  SEPTEMBER 20, 2017
Direct Examination.  Class exercises
WEEK SEVEN: SEPTEMBER 27, 2017
Cross examination. Videos

WEEK EIGHT: OCTOBER 4, 2017
Cross examination continued. Impeachment. Class exercises

WEEK NINE: OCTOBER 11, 2017
Experts, children and the problems they cause

WEEK TEN: OCTOBER 18, 2017
Closing Statements. Class exercises

FALL BREAK – OCTOBER 25, 2017

WEEK ELEVEN: NOVEMBER 1, 2017
Verdicts and appeals. Class exercises

WEEK TWELVE: NOVEMBER 8, 2017
Trials

WEEK THIRTEEN: NOVEMBER 15, 2017
Class Assignment: Prepare a critique of Trial Ad II class