

SYLLABUS – Professor Six’s sections

**Lawyering Skills II
Spring 2010**

<u>Class date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Jan. 14	Legal ed/bar admission	Supp. #1	
15	Bar admission/plagiarism	Supp. #2	
<i>Jan. 21 or Jan. 26 – Attend Lexis training</i>			
19	Lawyers and clients	Supp. #3	
21	Client interview	Supp. #4	
22	Legal letters	Edwards, ¹ chap. 13	<i>Demand letter out</i>
<i>Jan. 28 – Attend Westlaw training</i>			
Jan. 25	9:15am-10:10am; room 127	Edwards, chap. 14	
26	Litigation & ADR	Supp. #5	
28	no class		
29	Legal research		<i>Demand letter in Motion part 1 out</i>
Feb. 2	Summary judgment	Supp. #6	
4	Briefwriting	Edwards, chap. 15	
5	QUIZ		
9	Briefwriting	Edwards, chap. 16 Supp. #7	
11	tba		<i>Research log due</i>
12	Fact statements	Edwards, chap. 18	<i>Demand letter back</i>
16	Legal theory	Edwards, chap. 19	
18	tba		
19	tba		<i>Motion part 1 in</i>
23	Mediation/negotiation	Supp. #8	
25	Mediation/negotiation	Handout	
26	Mediation/negotiation		
Mar.	March 1-5 mediation sessions		
2 & 4	No class		
5	tba	tba	<i>Motion part 2 out</i>

¹ Linda H. Edwards, Legal Writing and Analysis (2d ed. 2007).

9	tba	tba
11	tba	tba
12	no class	

Week of March 15-19, Spring Break

Mar. 22 - Motion part 1 back

Mar. 22-25 Meetings w/ professor

23 Instead of class, attend Kansas Court of Appeals argument (read briefs) at assigned time in room 201 and attend class session with judges at 3:45 in Room 104

25 tba tba

26 tba tba

30 Oral argument Supp. #9

Apr. **1** no class

2 Oral argument *Motion part 2 in*

April 5-8, practice arguments

6 no class

8 no class

9 Oral argument

April 12-16, final arguments

13-16 no class

April 13, Moot Court final round @ 2:30 in room 104

20 Current issues in the profession Supp. #10

<u>Point values:</u>	Letter assignment	5
	Bluebook exercises*	5
	Motion Part 1	15
	Mediation	10
	Quiz	10
	Motion Part 2	50
	Oral argument	10
	TOTAL	105

To pass Lawyering Skills II, you must satisfactorily complete each of the above assignments, attend two computer training classes (one for Westlaw and one for Lexis), and participate in a practice oral argument.

*You receive all 5 points if you satisfactorily complete these Bluebook exercises on time.

Honor Code

You must work alone on assignments unless otherwise instructed. This means you may not discuss the assignment with, or receive assistance from, any person other than a Lawyering Professor, TA, librarian, or a KU writing specialist. If you are permitted to work with other students, you will be specifically so instructed in writing on the assignment. A violation of the rules regarding discussions/assistance on any assignment is an honor code violation. If you have questions about this policy or its application, ask a Lawyering Professor.

Use of SafeAssign

The issue of digital plagiarism has raised concerns about ethics, student writing experiences, and academic integrity. KU subscribes to a digital plagiarism detection program called SafeAssign, which may be used to check papers submitted in this course. You may be asked to submit your papers in a digital format (e-mail attachment, BlackBoard™ digital drop box or on disk) so that your paper can be checked against web pages and databases of existing papers. While the tool alerts professors to possible plagiarism, it also can alert professors to particular academic needs of their students. Please consider the use of the program as a learning tool for all of us.

Attendance Policy

Professionalism is stressed in this course, so your regular attendance to all class sessions is required. You may be absent four times for personal reasons throughout the semester. If you exceed four absences, however, your final grade will be reduced unless the absence is: (1) for your own serious illness or the serious illness or death of an immediate family member; and (2) substantiated. If you have questions about this policy, speak to your Lawyering professor.

Use of the KU Writing Center

KU has a writing center, a place for students to talk about their writing with trained peer consultants. The KU writing center sends a consultant (writing specialist) to the Law School for what is called a Writer's Roost. A writing specialist will be available at the Law School for a few hours each week. Please check Blackboard for a schedule. For additional opportunities to meet with a specialist, please check the writing center's website at www.writing.ku.edu. The writing center welcomes both drop-ins and appointments, and does not charge for its services.

Payne & Jones Lawyering Awards

For more than twenty years, the law firm of Payne & Jones, Chartered (Overland Park and Kansas City, MO) has sponsored awards for first-year students. This spring the firm will sponsor an award for the Best Advocate in each Lawyering section. The award will go to one student in each class who demonstrates superior oral advocacy skills and professionalism.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The KU School of Law Office of Student Affairs works with the KU Office of Disability Resources to coordinate accommodations and services for students with disabilities. If you have a disability for which you wish to request classroom or exam accommodations, please contact the Associate Dean for Students Affairs, Wendy Rohleder-Sook, 205 Green Hall, 785-864-9210, wrohled@ku.edu, at the beginning of the semester. The disability determination process can take time and accommodations may not be able to be implemented if requests are made late in the semester. To protect the anonymity of the student to the greatest extent possible, students should not contact faculty members regarding disability accommodations.