



## **Lawyering Fundamentals Course Syllabus**

### **Overview**

Lawyering Fundamentals (LF) lasts three days. You will attend classes in which you will be questioned on the assigned reading, answer law school exam-style questions, and receive helpful strategies for success in law school. Most importantly, the course will attempt to demystify your law school classroom by previewing what you will experience and teaching you how to prepare to learn in this unfamiliar, and often intimidating learning environment. Our goal is to minimize the mystery of law school so you acclimate and succeed.

### **Class Meeting Times**

Classes will meet from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on the following dates:

Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>

Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>

### **Course Professors**

Professor Everett Chambers

Professor Samuel Farkas

### **Course Binder**

You will receive a course binder containing reading assignments, homework assignments, in-class exercises, reflection entries, and other course related materials. Please bring your course binder with you to class every day. As detailed below, there are daily pre-class assignments, including **assignments that you must complete prior to the first day of class.**

### **Course Site**

LF also has an online classroom component called the Matrix. You will receive log in information to access the Matrix course page prior to the first day of class.

## Reading and Homework Assignments

You are expected to complete the reading and homework assignments **prior to each class**. This will include uploading completed assignments to the Matrix course site. You may be given additional assignments during class. Your Professors reserve the right to change assignments with sufficient notice.

Please see the assignment schedule below:

### Before Day One

Complete the following assignments before the first day of class on August 10, 2016:

1. Read Welcome Letter
2. Read: Course Syllabus
3. Read: Lawyering Fundamentals Learning Outcomes
4. Read and brief the following cases on Intentional Torts\*—Intent (p.17-30):
  - *Garratt v. Daily*
  - *Spivey v. Battaglia*
  - *Ranson v. Kitner*
  - *McGurie v. Amy*
  - *Talmage v. Smith*
5. Skim: FAQ on Legal Reading
6. Read: FAQ Case Briefing
7. Read: Preparing Yourself for Learning in the Socratic Classroom
8. Skim: Case Briefing Cheat Sheet
9. Skim: Sample Case Brief
10. Skim: Glossary of Legal Terms
11. Complete: Reflection Entry #1\*
12. Complete: Writing Sample (The Fruit Problem)\*
13. Complete: Pre-Course Survey\*

\*Upload completed assignment to the Matrix before the start of Day One.

### Before Day Two

Complete the following reading assignments and homework before the second day of class on August 11, 2016:

1. Case reading and briefing\*  
Intentional Torts—Battery (p.30-37):
  - *Cole v. Turner*

- *Wallace v. Rosen*
- *Fisher v. Carrousel*

Intentional Torts—Assault (p.37-41):

- *I de S et ux. V. W de S*
  - *Western Union Telegraph Co. v. Hill*
2. *Wallace* case briefing homework assignment\*
  3. Complete Daily Quiz #2\*
  4. Reflection Entry #2\*

\*Upload completed assignment to the Matrix before the start of Day Two.

### Before Day Three

**Complete the following reading assignments and homework before the third day of class on August 12, 2016:**

1. Case reading and briefing\*:
  - Intentional Torts—Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress & Consent (p.51-55;92-93)
    - *State Rubbish Collectors Ass’n v. Siliznoff*
    - *O’Brien v. Cunard S.S. Co.*
2. *Siliznoff* case briefing homework assignment\*
3. Outline Intent, Assault & Battery\*
4. Complete Daily Quiz #3\*
5. Reflection Entry #3\*

\*Upload completed assignment to the Matrix before the start of Day Three.

### After Day Three

1. Reflection Entry #4\*
2. Post-Course Evaluation\*
3. Final Exam Review

\*Upload completed assignment to the Matrix one date specified by Professor.

#### **Final Exam**

The Lawyering Fundamentals exam will be administered on the final day of class, Friday, August 12th. The final exam will include short answers, essay, and multiple-choice questions. Please bring your laptop.