PRE-TRIAL PRACTICE FALL 2025 SYLLABUS Professor Donna L. Eng

LAW 6320, CLASS 27244, SECTION A
3 CREDIT HOURS
CLASS TIME: TUEDAYS AND THURSDAYS: 1:15-2:40 PM
CLASS LOCATION: MLAC 213

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OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3-4 p.m., and by appointment (email: eng@law.ufl.edu). I know my designated office hours may not fit your schedule. If you cannot make it to these office hours, please email me and I will be happy to schedule a time that works for both of us! I look forward to meeting my students and getting to know you better during my office hours!

Please keep in touch with me! Email is the best way to reach me. I try to respond to emails as quickly as I can, but please note that emails received after business hours may get a response the next day. Please do not hesitate to contact me anytime if you ever have any questions regarding the course or a specific assignment.

REQUIRED READING MATERIALS:

- 1. Roen & Paulsen, Civil Litigation: Pretrial Case Development & Discovery (2d ed.)
- 2. An up-to-date digital or paper copy of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 3. An up-to-date digital or paper copy of the Federal Rules of Evidence.
- 4. Supplemental materials and case file materials posted on our class Canvas page.

<u>COURSE WEBSITE:</u> <u>https://elearning.ufl.edu/</u>. You are responsible for reviewing the page for course updates and for accessing course content.

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES:

This course is designed for students who are planning to become civil litigators after graduation. More than 95% of civil cases settle before trial, so most of your legal practice will be "pre-trial" practice. The course therefore offers in-depth study and training in civil litigation up until trial, with the aim of making you practice-ready. We will cover fact and theme development, pleadings, the discovery process (including written requests and responses, motion practice, and depositions), settlement negotiation, mediation, and strategic decision-making at each step of the process.

ABA OUT-OF-CLASS REQUIREMENTS/WORKLOAD

This course complies with ABA Standard 310. ABA Standard 310 requires that students devote 120 minutes to out-of-class preparation for every "classroom hour" of in-class instruction. We will spend approximately 3 hours in class each week, requiring at least 6 hours of preparation outside of class

including reading the assigned materials, completing writing assignments, preparing for simulations, and conferring with the other members of your law firm and opposing counsel.

Important note: although this course is graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory, the workload is no less than in any graded course, including near-weekly written assignments. As for any three-credit course, the ABA requires that you spend an average of at least six hours per week on work for this course, <u>in addition to</u> time spent in class.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

At the end of this course, students should be able to:

- ✓ Evaluate a new case
- ✓ Prepare claims and defenses
- ✓ Write and respond to discovery requests
- ✓ Prepare, respond to, and argue discovery motions
- ✓ Take and defend depositions
- ✓ Work with experts
- ✓ Negotiate a settlement

COURSE EXPECTATIONS AND GRADING EVALUATION:

There will be no final exam in this course. Rather, at the end of the semester, I will award you a grade of Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory based on the following metrics:

- Professionalism and good faith participation in discussion and simulation exercises.
- Quality of written assignments.
- Quality of performance in hands-on exercises, including motion arguments, deposition taking and defense, and negotiations.
- Preparation for class sessions.
- Professional behavior for all class sessions.
- Attendance and punctuality (see policies below)
- Business attire for specifically noted class sessions
- Cameras on for all live Zoom class sessions.

I may also award a limited number of "S+" grades to those who students whose performance really stands out.

LAW FIRMS, LITIGATION TEAMS & GOOD FAITH PARTICIPATION

Students will be paired with one or two other students in separate "law firms" and assigned to separate litigation teams. Throughout the semester, you will litigate against each other using a simplified but realistic case file from the text. You will complete most written assignments in your firm as a group assignment.

Though you will be working in a team, you must pull your weight within your team. Students who fail to carry their share of the workload will be assigned individual make-up work. In extreme cases, such student may be removed from the course.

PROFESSIONALISM

This course presents a valuable opportunity to practice professionalism and to begin to create and explore your own professional identity. Throughout the semester, you are expected to behave as, and to treat your colleagues and counterparts as, practicing lawyers.

Punctuality is part of professionalism. I will promptly begin class at the designated start time. Please be on time to class and do not leave early absent extenuating circumstances. If you have to leave class during class time, please close the door quietly so as to not disturb your colleagues. Also, please try to minu=imize the number of times you leave and re-enter the classroom to avoid disruptions. As a law student and future lawyer, you are expected to conduct yourself with professionalism in the classroom and in all course-related activities. This includes common courtesy in the classroom as well as in all email messages, threaded discussions, and chats. Please do not participate in group chats or texts during class, and please silence cell phones and computer notifications and minimize any other class disruptions.

In addition to completing any written assignment, you will need to <u>revise and proofread</u> your documents numerous times before submitting them, just as you would in the practice of law.

In all course activities, students are expected to participate in good faith. If you have questions about professionalism, do not hesitate to ask me directly during class, or during a visit to my office.

As a future lawyer, it is important that you be able to engage in rigorous discourse and critical evaluation while also demonstrating civility and respect for others. I encourage you to speak thoughtfully, listen carefully, and commit to examining your own values and assumptions. All students have the right to be treated with respect by their instructors and classmates.

CLASS ATTENDANCE POLICY:

Attendance in class is required by both the ABA and the Law School. Attendance will be taken at the start of each class. Students are responsible for ensuring that they are not recorded as absent if they come in late. A student who fails to meet the attendance requirement may be dropped from the course. The law school's policy on attendance can be found here: <u>UF Law Student Handbook and Academic Policies - Levin College of Law</u>

Attendance is important in this course because it is a courtroom skills course. Although the assigned reading is essential, students cannot develop advocacy skills from reading or relying on passive learning techniques such as watching the class recording. Moreover, the course is interactive. Large portions of class time will be spent working with your law firm and litigation team members on assignments. Skipping classes in this course often creates more work for the colleagues of your law firms and litigation teams. Therefore, students are only allowed <u>four</u> unexcused absences during the semester, which can be taken at your discretion for any class sessions <u>except for deposition days</u>, <u>motion hearing days</u>, and <u>mediation days</u>. <u>Any</u> other absences must be excused in advance as noted below.

For excused absences, please treat absences from class as you would treat absences from your job. If you need to request an excused absence, please email me <u>as soon as the need for an excused absence arises,</u> explaining the reason(s) for the absence, and to request your absence to be excused. Moreover, please advise your firm colleagues/litigation teammates if you will be asking for an excused absence. When possible, for the sake of your teammates, please make these requests at least a week in advance. However, recognizing that emergencies can and will happen, please see statement below regarding excused absences for emergencies.

<u>Excused absences for emergencies</u>: If you are unexpectedly ill or have other critical/extenuating/emergency circumstances that prevent you from being in class, you must contact me <u>prior to the start of class</u> to request an excused absence. In the alternative, in the case of a true emergency that prevents you from contacting me prior to class, you must still contact me as soon as possible thereafter to request an excused absence. If

I grant your request, you will need to complete the steps noted below, in the section titled "Policies to Prevent the Spread of Sickness," before I will convert your unexcused absence to an excused absence.

Important note: because the work in this class is performed and evaluated as a team, attendance by <u>all</u> members of the team on deposition days, motion hearing days, and mediation days is critical. As a result, individual requests for excused absences for those class days will be reviewed more carefully, and no unexcused absences will be permitted for those class days.

POLICIES TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF SICKNESS

If you are sick, out of respect for your colleagues, please do not come to class. If you insist on coming to class sick, please consider wearing a mask to prevent the spread of germs and illness.

If you will miss class due to illness, you must contact me by email <u>prior</u> to the start of class to request an excused absence. Or, in the case of a true emergency that prevents you from contacting me prior to class, you must contact me <u>as soon as possible thereafter</u> to request an excused absence. <u>If</u> I grant your request, you will need to complete the following steps before I will convert your <u>unexcused</u> absence to an <u>excused</u> absence:

- 1. Watch the class recording—link on our Canvas Page.
- 2. Email me no more than seven days after the missed class and include the following:
 - a. A statement that you watched the video in full;
 - b. Any in-class exercise that you can complete independently (modify as needed).
 - c. If there is no in-class exercise that you can complete independently, please note three things you learned by watching the video.

COMPLIANCE WITH UF HONOR CODE

Academic honesty and integrity are fundamental values of the University community. Students should be sure that they understand the UF Law Honor Code located here: <u>Law School Honor System – Regulation and Policy Hub</u>. The UF Law Honor Code also prohibits use of artificial intelligence, including, but not limited to, ChatGPT and Harvey, to assist in completing quizzes, exams, papers, or other assessments unless expressly authorized by the professor to do so.

OBSERVANCE OF RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

UF Law respects students' observance of religious holidays. The University policy can be found here: https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/#religiousholidaystext

- Students, upon prior notification to their instructors, shall be excused from class or other scheduled academic activity to observe a religious holy day of their faith.
- Students shall be permitted a reasonable amount of time to make up the material or activities covered in their absence.
- Students shall not be penalized due to absence from class or other scheduled academic activity because of religious observances.

TECHNOLOGY

You must bring a laptop or tablet to every class so that you can access handouts on Canvas, participate in in-class exercises, and work on assignments with your teammates. Please silence and put away cellphones, smartwatches, and similar devices before class begins, and please refrain from texting (individually or in a group) or online group chats during class. If you are using electronics to do anything not directly related to this class, I may penalize you. I may revisit or revise this policy as needed.

BUSINESS ATTIRE AND CAMERAS ON FOR CERTAIN CLASSES

While you may dress casually for regular class sessions, please note that business attire is required for the motion arguments (hearings), depositions, and mediations. Please see course schedule for specific dates and mark your calendars now. Also, for classes held by Zoom (depositions and mediations), students should make every effort to be attend the Zoom session from a quiet environment conducive to class, and should have cameras turned on for the entire class session so that I may see your business attire. I will do my best to remind you in advance.

RECORDING LECTURES

Students are allowed to record video or audio of class lectures. However, the purposes for which these recordings may be used are strictly controlled. The only allowable purposes are: (1) for personal educational use; (2) in connection with a complaint to the university; or, (3) as evidence in, or in preparation for, a criminal or civil proceeding. All other purposes are prohibited. Specifically, students may not publish recorded lectures without the written consent of the instructor. A "class lecture" is an educational presentation intended to inform or teach enrolled students about a particular subject, including any instructor-led discussions that form part of the presentation, and delivered by any instructor hired or appointed by the University, or by a guest instructor, as part of a University of Florida course. A class lecture does not include lab sessions, student presentations, clinical presentations such as patient history, academic exercises involving solely student participation, assessments (quizzes, tests, exams), field trips, private conversations between students in the class or between a student and the faculty or guest lecturer during a class session. Publication without permission of the instructor is prohibited. To "publish" means to share, transmit, circulate, distribute, or provide access to a recording, regardless of format or medium, to another person (or persons), including but not limited to another student within the same class section. Additionally, a recording, or transcript of a recording, is considered published if it is posted on or uploaded to, in whole or in part, any media platform, including but not limited to social media, book, magazine, newspaper, leaflet, or third-party note/tutoring services. A student who publishes a recording without written consent may be subject to a civil cause of action instituted by a person injured by the publication and/or discipline under UF Regulation 4.040 Student Honor and Student Conduct Code.

I have requested that our class be recorded through the UFIT department. UFIT will be creating a MediaSite channel for our course. I will share the link to this channel with all students in the course by adding a link to the videos in the Canvas page. The uses and prohibitions delineated by the University for self-made videos apply equally to these MediaSite videos. If you use MediaSite or self-made videos in ways not approved by the University and without my written consent, you may be subject to civil liability, as well as to discipline under the UF Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code.

STATEMENT RELATED TO ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students with long- or short-term disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations must first register with the Disability Resource Center (DRC). Click here to get started with the DRC. Accommodations are not retroactive and obtaining your letter may take time; therefore, if you would like to learn more about accommodations or are interested in applying for them, please follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester. If you are approved for accommodations, you will receive an accommodation letter, which you must present to the Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs (Assistant Dean Brian Mitchell). You should also present your letter to me and should schedule a meeting with me, as early as possible in the semester, to review your accommodations and to discuss your needs.

STUDENT COURSE EVALUATIONS

"Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/."

RESOURCES:

UF LAW STUDENT RESOURCE GUIDE (CANVAS)

Please familiarize yourself with the law school's UF Law Student Resource Guide in Canvas. It currently includes sections for:

- Attendance, Registrar, and Financial Aid, Outside Scholarships, Writing Competitions
- Weekly Calendar
- Students Organizations and Journals
- Academic Advising and Career Advising

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC SERVICES

If you have a need related to academic policies or course concerns, including disability accommodations, the Office of Academic Services, led by Dean Mitchell, will support you. Contact gatoraid@law.ufl.edu or contact Dean Mitchell directly at mitchell@law.ufl.edu.

UF LAW STUDENT LIFE

Please familiarize yourself with the law school's Student Life page on the UF Law website: https://www.law.ufl.edu/student-life. It is a tremendous resource for both law school and university resources. Services include:

- Academics (e.g., Schedules, Calendars, Policies, Experiential Learning)
- Campus Logistics (e.g., Reserving a Study Room)
- Technology (e.g., Zoom, Canvas, ExamSoft, Helplines)
- Research Tools (e.g., Law Library, Westlaw, Lexis)
- Diversity & Inclusion (e.g., Statements, Policies, D&I Dean's Information)
- Career and Professional Development (e.g., Advisors, Appointments, Symplicity)
- Health and Safety (e.g., Wellness, Title IX)
- Contact Information (e.g., Law School Departments)

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Law school can be very stressful. Knowing when to seek assistance for issues impacting your wellbeing is part of being a professional. At a minimum each of us needs a safe place to live, sufficient food, and access to healthcare.

All members of the UF Community who are experiencing food insecurity are eligible to visit UF's Hitchcock Field & Fork food pantry. Learn more at the website, here: https://pantry.fieldandfork.ufl.edu/. Should you find yourself needing assistance with other basic needs, please notify me or the Office of Student Affairs so that we can direct you to appropriate resources. The Office of Student Affairs can be reached at 352-273-0620 or student.svc@law.ufl.edu.

Psychological needs and unexpected personal challenges are also not uncommon and may interfere with academic progress, social development, and emotional wellbeing. The law school and the Gainesville community offer a variety of services to assist you. Some entities equipped to assist include:

UF Law Mental Health Counselor: At UF Law we are fortunate to have a mental health counselor, **Ritzy Ettinger**, who is dedicated to the law school community. Ritzy assists with both crisis and noncrisis services. You may reach out to Ritzy by email or call the Student Life main office.

Name: Ritzy Ettinger

Direct Email: rettinger@ufl.edu
Student Life Phone: 352-273-0620
Direct phone: 352-273-0914

Link to make confidential appointments:

https://ufl.yul1.qualtrics.com/jfe/preview/previewId/de79d8eb-d8d8-4944-94b2-3e531d9743bc/SV 6Kxe53aDDBYjZUq?Q CHL=preview&Q SurveyVersionID=current

UF (Main Campus) Counseling & Wellness Center: Provides crisis and non-crisis services.

Phone: 352-392-1575 (UF Crisis Hotline 24 hours/7 days/week)

Website: https://counseling.ufl.edu/services/crisis/

UF "U Matter We Care": Provides services if you or someone you know is in distress.

Phone: 352-294-CARE (2273)

Email: umatter@ufl.edu

Website: https://umatter.ufl.edu

Alachua County Crisis Center: 24 hr./day crisis and suicide intervention phone counseling for all

county residents. Phone: 352-264-6789

https://www.alachuacounty.us/Depts/CSS/CrisisCenter/Pages/CrisisCenter.aspx

HEALTH AND SAFETY

UF Student Health Care Center: Find the healthcare you need, including free vaccines.

Phone: 352-392-1161

Website: https://shcc.ufl.edu/

UF Health Shands Emergency Room/Trauma Center

Phone: 9-1-1 for emergencies

Phone: 352-733-0111

Or go to the emergency room at:

1515 Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608

Website: https://ufhealth.org/uf-health-shands-emergency-room-trauma-center

University Police Department

Phone: 9-1-1 for emergencies

Phone: 352-392-1111

Website: https://police.ufl.edu/ (including victim assistance, UFAlert, self-defense classes, etc.)

Gator Safe App:

For a personal safety toolbox and other helpful links, download the GatorSafe App https://police.ufl.edu/services/community-services/gatorsafe-app/

FORMATTING REQUIREMENTS FOR WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS

When you are in practice, all court filings will be required to be formatted according to the applicable rules of the court. I have provided templates for most of the assignments in Canvas, which should make your tasks easier. While most assignments are to be submitted electronically via the course Canvas website, others will be submitted via email only. Nevertheless, all documents are to be formatted in Word format, as follows: (1) the text should be double-spaced, except for the headings (which should be single-spaced); (2) all writing assignments this term should be written in 14-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced, with full justification so that the document has smooth edges of text; (3) each page should be numbered (bottom, center), except for the first page; and, (4) all citations should comply with the rules of *The Bluebook*. If you discover any formatting discrepancies on the templates I have provided for the assignments, bring those discrepancies to my attention. You may use either underlining or italics for case names, but please be consistent throughout your motions and responses in opposition that you will draft in this class.

TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE OF TOPICS AND ASSIGNMENTS

Disclaimer: the following table is designed to give you a sense of the course's coverage and workload. This outline is only tentative; you must check Canvas regularly for your assignments and deadlines. Our pace will depend in part on the level of interest and the level of difficulty of each section and is subject to change. Such changes, communicated clearly, are not unusual and should be expected.

All readings are from the textbook, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure ("FRCP"), Federal Rules of Evidence ("FRE"), and any materials I post on Canvas unless otherwise indicated.

First Assignment due by 11:59 p.m. on August 19, 2025:

- (1) Read syllabus in full.
- (2) Respond to Discussion Page on Canvas titled "Truth, Lie, and Fun Fact;" and,
- (3) Send me a professional email, <u>eng@law.ufl.edu</u>, with answers to the questions listed below. Please address me as "Professor Eng."
 - a. Do you go by your first name, or you prefer a nickname? Please advise of any nickname.
 - b. Is English your first language? If not, what is your first language?
 - c. Did you take the Trial Practice class?

- d. Are you a member of UF Law Moot Court or Trial Team?
- e. Are you involved with any other co-curricular activities? If so, what are they?
- f. Did you enjoy Legal Writing I and II?
- g. Are you the first member of your family to attend law school?
- h. Why did you come to law school?
- i. Do you have an idea of what area of the law you would like to go into, or do you have a position lined up after graduation? If so, please tell me.
- j. What do you do like to do for fun?

COURSE SCHEDULE

Week 1

<u>Reading for the week</u>: Syllabus; Ch. 1, 2; Materials in Canvas Module titled "Operative Pleadings and Important Information;" Materials in Canvas Modules for classes this week

Class 1: 8/19 <u>Topic</u>: Intro to Class;

Activity: Litigation teams and law firm assignments

Homework: due by 11: 59 pm on 8/19: Professional email to Professor Eng

Class 2: 8/21 <u>Topic</u>: Pre-Complaint Investigation

Activity: Client Interview exercise; file investigation

Week 2

Reading for the week: Ch. 2; FRCP 7(a), 8, 10; 11; Florida Law for Counts II and III of Magna-Lev Complaint in Canvas; Other Materials in Canvas Modules for classes this week; continue to study your client's case file

Class 3: 8/26 <u>Topic</u>: Pleadings; Editing citations/documents shared by colleagues or

generated by AI

Class 4: 8/28 <u>Topic</u>: Pleadings; Editing citations/documents shared by colleagues or

generated by AI

Case evaluation memo due-UPLOAD to CANVAS by Sunday, August 31, at 11:59 p.m.

Week 3

Reading for the week: Ch. 4 & 5, and pg. 182 (Common Interest Agreements); FRCP 16(a), 16(b), 26(d); 26(f), 38; Materials in Canvas Modules for classes this week

Class 5: 9/02 Topic: Case Development & Intro to Discovery

Class 6: 9/04 <u>Topic</u>: Case Development & Intro to Discovery/Joint Defense Agreements

Activity: How well do you know the file; Rule 26 conference reports & initial

disclosures

UPLOAD Rule 26(f) conference report and Rule 26 Initial Disclosures to Canvas by Sunday, September 7 at 11:59 p.m.

Week 4

Reading for the week: Ch. 7; FRCP 26(a)(1), 26(b)(1)-(2), 26(g), 33, 34, 36; Materials in Canvas Modules for classes this week

Class 7: 9/09 <u>Topic</u>: Serving Written Discovery

Class 8: 9/11 Topic: Serving Written Discovery (cont'd)

Serve interrogatories (ROGs) and requests for production (RFPs) on opposing counsel by professional email by Sunday, September 14, at 11:59 p.m. (CC Professor Eng on your email)

Week 5

Reading for the week: Ch. 12; FRCP 26(a)(1) & 26(b)(5); Materials in Canvas Modules for

classes this week

Class 9: 9/16 <u>Topic</u>: Responding to Written Discovery

Class 10: 9/18 Topic: Responding to Written Discovery (cont'd)

Serve responses and objections to interrogatories and requests for production on opposing counsel by professional email by Sunday, September 21, at 11:59 p.m. (CC Professor Eng on your email).

Week 6

Reading for the week: Ch. 13; FRCP 7(b), 11, 26(b)(2)(C), 26(c), 36(a)(6), 37; Article in Canvas: Eric Voigt, Explanatory Parentheticals; Materials in Canvas Modules for classes this week

Class 11: 9/23 Topic: Discovery Disputes & Motion Practice

Class 12: 9/25 <u>Topic</u>: Discovery Disputes & Motion Practice (cont'd); Editing

citations/documents shared by colleagues or generated by AI

Serve professional email to opposing counsel summarizing results of meet and confer discussion by Thursday, September 25, at 11:59 p.m. (CC Professor Eng on your email).

UPLOAD motions to compel discovery IN CANVAS by Sunday, September 28, at 11:59 p.m.

Week 7

<u>Reading for the week</u>: Article in Canvas: Eric Voigt, Explanatory Parentheticals; Materials in Canvas Modules for classes this week

Class 13 9/30 Topic: Opposing Motions

Class 14: 10/02 <u>Topic</u>: Opposing Motions (cont'd)

UPLOAD responses to motions to compel discovery IN CANVAS by Sunday, October 5, at 11:59 p.m.

Week 8

Reading for the week: Article: Dealing with Difficult Judge; any other materials posted in Canvas for class this week.

Class 15: 10/07 <u>Topic</u>: Hearing Prep

Class 16: 10/09 Activity: Hearings on Motions to Compel (Business Attire required!)

*ATTENTION: Special Location for October 9 hearings: MLAC 209

Team hearing report AND individual reflection report due by Sunday, October 12, at 11:59 p.m. (UPLOAD TO CANVAS).

Week 9

Reading for the week: Ch. 8; FRCP 30, 32; Materials in Canvas Modules for classes this week

Class 17: 10/14 <u>Topic</u>: Hearings Debrief Class 18: 10/16 <u>Topic</u>: Intro to Depositions

Week 10

<u>Reading for the week:</u> Materials in Canvas Modules for classes this week

Class 19: 10/21 <u>Topic</u>: Depositions (cont'd) Class 20: 10/23 Topic: Depositions (cont'd)

Week 11

Class 21: 10/28 Activity: Plaintiff's Depos (by Zoom; quiet location suitable for class; cameras

on; Business Attire required!)

Class 22: 10/30 Activity: Defendants' Depos (by Zoom; quiet location suitable for class; cameras

on; Business Attire required!)

Team deposition report AND individual reflection due- (UPLOAD TO CANVAS) by Sunday November 2, at 11:59pm.

Week 12

Reading for the week: Ch. 9, 11; FRCP 26 & 35; FRE 702-704; Materials in Canvas Modules

for classes this week

Class 23: 11/04 <u>Topic</u>: Professionalism, Implicit Bias, Expert Witnesses

Class 24: 11/06 <u>Topic</u>: Pre-Trial Negotiations & Settlement

Mediation statement due – UPLOAD TO CANVAS by Sunday, November 9, at 11:59 p.m.

Week 13

11/11 NO CLASS-HOLIDAY-VETERAN'S DAY

Class 25: 11/13 Activity: Mediations (by Zoom; quiet location suitable for class; cameras on; Business

Attire required!)

Week 14

Reading for the Week: Ch. 15; FRCP 26(a)(3) & 56 Class 26: 11/18 Topic: Last class; Class Evaluations

Activity: Debrief mediations, discuss other motions (MSJ); Proposals for Settlement under Fla. R. Civ. P 1.442 and /trial prospects

As of 08/05/25; subject to change