American Law and Litigation
Syllabus

Week 1
Monday
Morning:
Reading: The Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution
Lecture: An overview of the U.S. Government and Court system
   Civil Law v. Common Law
   Finding and analyzing the Law and IRAC
   Jurisdiction and Dicta
   Precedent and Stare Decisis
   Burden of Proof
Discussion: A question of Ethics and Social responsibility
   Activity 2- Determining Precedent

Afternoon:
Reading: Mauet, Trial Techniques Chapters I, II and III
Lecture: Overview of the Litigation Process
Discussion: Jury Selection-voir dire
   Who is Responsible and Why?
   Reinvigorating the Jury System
   Jury Selection
Exercises: Jury Profiles

Tuesday
Morning:
Reading: Cases: Judicial Review and Separation of Powers
Marbury v. Madison
McCulloch v. Maryland
United States v. Nixon
Lecture: Intro to Trial Advocacy and the Trial Advocate

Afternoon:
Overview of Civil Procedure
Overview of the Federal Rules of Evidence
Purpose of Evidentiary Rules
Procedures for objecting in class
Reading: Mauet, Chapter X and scan Mauet, Chapter XI Trial Strategy
Reading: Mauet, Trial Techniques Chapter V: Direct examination
Reading: Mauet, Materials: Scan Direct examination Materials
Exercises: Prepare Direct examinations

Wednesday
Morning:
Reading: Cases: The Commerce Clause
Wickard v. Filburn
Gibbons v. Ogden
Discussion: The Commerce Clause and the expansion of Federal Powers

Afternoon:
Reading: Mauet, Trial Techniques Chapter VIII: Cross examination and Impeachment
Exercises: Student Direct Examinations

Thursday
Morning:
Reading and Discussion: Commerce Clause Cases (continued)
United States v. Lopez
Heart of Atlanta Motel, Inc v. United States

Afternoon:
Reading: Mauet, Trial Techniques: Chapter VIII Experts
Reading: Mauet, Materials: Scan Chapter VI Exhibits
Exercises: Prepare Cross-Examinations

Friday
Morning:
9 -10 a.m.
In class essay test
11am -12pm
Lecture: National Security and Foreign Affairs

Afternoon:
Readings:
The Prize Cases
Korematsu v. U.S.
Exercises: Student Cross Examinations and Introduction to and Preparation of Expert Testimony

Week 2
Monday
Morning:
Lecture: Equal Protection
Readings:
Plessy v. Ferguson
Brown v. Board of Education
Regents of the University of California v. Bakke

Afternoon:
Reading: Mauet: Chapter IV Opening Statements
Lecture: Opening Statements
Exercises: Student Expert Testimony and Prepare Opening Statements

Tuesday
Morning:
State Courts
Daley Center Tour
Leave campus at 8AM

Afternoon:
Lecture: Closing Arguments
Exercises: Student Opening Statements and Prepare Closing Arguments
Wednesday
Morning:
Lecture and Discussion: Substantive Due Process and The Right to Privacy
Readings:
Griswold v. Connecticut
Roe v. Wade

Afternoon:
Lecture: Introduction to Exhibits
Exercises: Student Closing Arguments
Afternoon: In class Essay
Exercises: Exhibits

Thursday
Morning:
Lecture: The Right to Privacy
Readings:
Loving v. Virginia
Lawrence v. Texas

Afternoon:
Introduction to Mock Trial cases, team selection, review rules and materials
Read and review your mock trial cases, divide responsibilities
Prepare opening, closing, cross exam, direct exam for presentation today

Friday
Morning:
Lecture: Civil Liberties- First Amendment Freedoms
Readings:
Schenck v. U.S., Dennis v. U.S.

Afternoon:
ABA Tour
Question and Answer period for Mock trial materials/ vocabulary review
Mock Trial Preparations

Week 3
Monday
Morning:
First Amendment:
Readings:
West Virginia State Board of Education v. Barnette
Board of Education v. Pico
Texas v. Johnson
Roth v U.S.

Afternoon:
Mock Trial Preparations: Student oral presentations
Prepare another part of your mock trial presentations of your choice

Tuesday
Morning:
Reading and Discussion:
Lee v. Weisman
Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School district

Afternoon:
Mock Trial Presentations

Wednesday
July 4th Holiday Observed

Thursday
Morning:
Gideon v. Wainright
Mapp v. Ohio
Miranda v. Arizona

Afternoon:
Final Mock Trial Preparations

Friday
Morning:
Mock Trial 1
Afternoon:
Mock Trial 2

Syllabus subject to change