

COURSE DESCRIPTION LAW 356

TRIAL ADVOCACY

Major Course Objectives

To introduce and familiarize students with basic trial advocacy techniques including:

- opening statements
- direct examination
- cross examination and impeachment
- objections and arguments on points of evidence
- closing argument

Teaching Methods

Lectures, class discussions, demonstrations and class exercises. The course will consist of a series of mock trial exercises including witness examinations, opening and closing arguments. A full mock trial will be conducted at the end of term.

Evaluation

Pass/Fail

Students are required to attend all classes and be prepared to participate in all assigned and spontaneous exercises.

Two unexcused absences will result in a FAIL. Instructors may excuse absences where appropriate reasons are provided.

Major Research Paper

Not permitted.

