

Legal Practice I, Fall 2019 Syllabus

Required Texts:

- (1) Christin Coughlin, et al., A Lawyer Writes (Carolina Academic Press, 3rd ed. 2018) (“Coughlin”);
- (2) The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation (Columbia Law Review Ass’n et al. eds., 20th ed. 2015), available at <http://www.legalbluebook.com> (“Bluebook”);
- (3) Linda J. Barris, Understanding and Mastering the Bluebook (Carolina Academic Press, 3rd ed. 2015) (“Barris”);
- (4) Sources of American Law: An Introduction to Legal Research, available at <https://www.cali.org/books/sources-american-law-introduction-legal-research> (“CALI”); and
- (5) Core Grammar for Lawyers (Carolina Academic Press 2011), available at <http://www.coregrammarforlawyers.com> (“CG”).

Your Legal Practice professor may assign additional reading, materials, and exercises as the semester progresses. Every student is responsible for any additions or deletions to the syllabus announced by his/her professor.

Grading:	Case Brief	mandatory/ungraded
	Crafting a Legal Rule Exercise	mandatory/ungraded
	TRRAC Assignment	15%
	Office Memo Research Assignment	10%
	Office Memo, First Submission	20%
	Office Memo, Second Submission	30%
	Core Grammar Post-Test	10%
	Professionalism	15%

All written assignments must comply with all deadlines and page limits, as well as the Legal Practice I, II, and III Course Policies and Policies Governing Academic Integrity (“Course Policies”).

Week	Topic	Reading Due	Assignment Due	Goals and Objectives
<p>Orientation Week <i>August 14-16</i> Mandatory Legal Practice (“LP”) Orientation Class, August 16th; 9:00 – 10:15 a.m., for all sections. <i>See your Orientation packet for your LP I section’s specific room assignment.</i></p>	<p>Introduction to Legal Practice; Understanding the American Legal System and Sources of Law</p>	<p>Coughlin, pp. 3-31 Handouts: (1) Course Policies; and (2) Hierarchy of Authority</p>		<p><u>Goals:</u> Able to grasp the significance of the hierarchy of authority in both the federal and states’ judicial systems.</p> <p><u>Objectives:</u> Able to recognize the difference between federal law and state law and between binding and persuasive authority.</p>