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| **Profs.** | Profs. Robert Arns & Thomas Brandi |
| **Course** | LAW 938 – Civil Trial Practice |
| Required Text/Reading | **REQ'D Texts:**<br>1) The Trial Wheel: California,<br>Robert Arns (The Rutter Group)<br>2) The Evidence Wheel: California,<br>Robert Arns (The Rutter Group)<br>**Optional Texts:**<br>California Civil Trials and Evidence (3-Vol. Student Edition) Wegner, Fairbank, Epstein, Chernow (The Rutter Group) This text is optional, but *highly* recommended for anyone who plans to practice civil law in California as you will use it on a daily basis in practice, and is available to you now at a student-edition price. A copy of this practice guide is also in the library, but having your own copy is very useful in preparing for this class. |
| 1st Assignment | 1: View the Rutter Group Video Seminar online (see e-mail from Rutter Group, which should be arriving soon) or watch the DVD on reserve in the library. (Note: If you are having difficulty getting the books, a set of the Wheel Books is on reserve in the library as well, but you will need them for the first class.) The seminar will teach you how the "Wheels" work, and must be viewed while you have The Evidence and Trial Wheels in your hands. **NOTE: It is absolutely crucial that you complete this assignment before the 1st class to get out of the starting gates properly.**<br>2: Download the case materials from the internet. A link with login information will be sent to you at your USF email address. If you have not received this email within one week of the first class, please call the assistant professor, Robert Foss, at 415-495-7800.<br>3: Read Closely: The Evidence Wheel Pages 1-15.<br>4: Self Tests 1-5: The Evidence Wheel Pages 21-24<br>5: Read Closely: The Trial Wheel Pages 1-9.<br>6: Complete Student-Juror Questionnaire to be handed-in at 1st class. (Document is in the class "download" material, and is exactly the same as a juror would receive.)<br>7: Familiarize yourself with the class schedule and assignments.<br>8: Be familiar with all of the topics in the Law Firm Lecture Series, listed on the assignment sheet for the first class. You will form law firms (LF#'s 1-6) in the first hour and then be given 10 minutes to prepare a presentation to be given immediately on one of these topics.<br>**THE TRIAL WHEEL (TW)**<br>-**LF #1**: Table of Contents & The Rules of Engagement<br>-**LF #2**: Preparing For Trial 15 Second Rule etc.<br>-**LF #3**: Judge Challenge<br>• Judge Challenge Exercise<br>**THE EVIDENCE WHEEL (EW)**<br>-**LF #4**: EW – Quick Guide P. 14-15<br>-**LF #5**: Steps to Admit a Document<br>-**LF #6**: (Self) Test 1<br>Do not worry about preparing a presentation before class. A good trial lawyer can think on their feet, so we want to get you in this mindset. Just familiarize yourself the sections. |
| Welcome to Trial Practice! This class will not only teach you the rules, it will make sure you are able to use them. Please familiarize yourselves with the Trial and Evidence Wheels ASAP. You will need to be able to locate information in them very quickly. We are looking forward to meeting you! – Profs. Arns & Brandi | |
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