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Criminal Appellate Defender Clinic  
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Texts

- Bentele & Cary, Appellate Advocacy Principles and Practice (4th ed. 2004)
- Criminal Appellate Defender Manual (Manual)

•Additional reading materials will be distributed during the semester.

January 19 Introduction to the Clinic, Appellate Practice, and Client-Centered Representation  
Reading assignment: Appellate Advocacy, pp. 1-7 and 9-15

January 26 Introductory Steps in a Case; Client Relations  
Reading assignment: Appellate Advocacy, pp. 463-69; Manual,  
Chapter 1 (Client Relations and General Administrative Matters)  
Case and supervisor assignment will take place during this class, and the writing exercise due on February 9 will be distributed this class .

February 2 Locating Appellate Issues  
No reading assignment

February 9 Brief Writing I  
Reading assignment: Appellate Advocacy, 469-85;  
Writing exercise – Statement of Facts for Edwin Pollard

February 16 Brief Writing II  
Reading assignment: Appellate Advocacy, 485-90

February 23 Preservation; Harmless Error; Remedies  
Reading assignment: Appellate Advocacy, Chapters 3 and 5 (excluding exercises)

March 2 Case Strategy Sessions  
No reading assignment

March 9 Case Strategy Sessions  
No reading assignment

March 16 No Class - Spring Break



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- March 23 Litigating Ineffective Assistance of Counsel  
Reading assignment to be distributed
- March 30 Issues Relating to Prison Life, Parole, and Social Work  
Reading assignment to be distributed
- April 6 Ethical Issues; Counseling; Roles of Appellate Counsel  
Reading assignment: Appellate Advocacy, Chapter 6
- April 13 Sentencing  
Reading assignment to be distributed
- April 20 Oral Argument  
Reading assignment: Appellate Advocacy, Chapter 9; Manual, Chapter 3
- April 27 Oral Argument Practice Sessions  
No reading assignment