ACADEMIC SKILLS CLASSES
Weekly, By Video. Office Hours in-person and via Zoom

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This is an open-attendance program dedicated to helping first-year law students adjust to law school. It is designed to provide ongoing support and education through weekly/biweekly Academic Skills classes as well as individual conferences throughout the fall and spring semesters. To keep everyone safe and healthy, sessions for this semester will be video-taped and released on a weekly basis. Everyone is encouraged to “attend” as we discuss what is relevant to you. I am available on campus for in-person office hours on Mondays and Wednesdays 11-3. Students may also schedule appointments via Zoom. All office hour appointments can be made using the following link:

https://professorwalkerofficehours.youcanbook.me

REQUIREMENTS

- Review class announcements to see if the topic discussed will be helpful.
- Meet with me (virtually or in person) at least once during the semester.
- Ask any and all questions.
**NOTE: Topics may change as the need arises to address specific concerns of the first-year class.**

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

**Week 1 - Jan. 19**  
Individual conferences/Retrospective on exams and exam-taking: what went right and what went wrong. Why grades are NOT everything.

**Week 2 - Jan. 25**  
What to expect in the second semester: the extra-curricular opportunities; differences in the core classes from fall semester; why February and March will be so busy.

**Week 3 – Feb. 1**  
Panel Discussion: Representatives from Law Review, PILR, Moot Court, TAB, ADR, CCNB, JOLT, and Honor Council answer your questions about their selection process, time commitments, and responsibilities of members. What other extra-curricular opportunities are available and how to become involved in them? **TIME/DAY TBA**

**Week 4 – Feb. 8**  
Nuts & bolts of being a better persuasive legal writer when writing for a court.

**Week 5 – Feb. 15**  
Individual Conferences: Time management: even more important in the second semester

**Week 6 – Feb. 22**  
No lectures this week! Individual appointments for outlining support

**Lecture topics may be switched depending upon the actual moot court competition schedule.**
Week 7 – March 1  |  Individual Conferences

Week 8 – March 8  |  Moot Court Oral Advocacy Workshop: what in the world do I do? **This virtual workshop provides an extra hour of coaching in addition to coaching provided by moot court board members.

Week 9 – March 15 |  Legal Writing review

Week 10 – March 22 |  Individual conferences/Legal Writing review

Week 11 – March 29 |  Course Selection – taking control of your legal career.

Week 12 – April 5  |  Individual conferences/Course selection advising

Week 13 – April 12 |  Individual conferences/Course selection advising

Week 14 – April 19 |  Exam Preparation re-visited. Final class free-for-all and reflection

Congratulations!! You have successfully completed your first year of law school!