

Interviewing and Counseling Fall 2014

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Required text is:

- Krieger & Neumann, *Essential Lawyering Skills* (Wolters Kluwer 4th Ed. 2011)
- Handouts will be posted on Blackboard

Office hours are:

- Mondays 4-5 pm and Wednesdays 2-3 pm
- Students are welcome to call, email or talk to me during class to set up other times

Syllabus

Class 9/3 Introduction Assignment:

- Read Krieger & Neumann ("Text"), 3-45
- Prepare to meet with a client in either *Hapless Harvest* or *Family Matters*. Assignments as lawyer or client were made by email and will be posted on Blackboard under "Announcements."
- Confidential information for each role is posted in "Course Content." ***Read only the confidential instructions for the part you are playing in each case.***
- Prepare to conduct the first 10 minutes of the interview. You do not need to do legal research for this assignment. The goal is to begin to establish a working relationship with the client and to learn something about his/her background.
- Prepare to play the client in the case in which you are not playing the lawyer.

In class:

Conduct the first stages of an interview in either *Hapless* or *Family*.

Class 9/10 Interviewing I Assignment:

- Text, 47-57, 71-101
- Prepare to complete the interview as the lawyer in either *Hapless Harvest* or *Family Matters*
- As lawyer, prepare an outline of the topics/questions you will ask about.

In Class:

- Complete the interview in *Hapless Harvest* or *Family Matters*
- Hand in outline

Class 9/17 Interviewing II Assignment:

- Text 101-135
- Prepare a memo to the file summarizing what you learned in the Sept 10 interview
- Prepare to play the lawyer or client in *Jones v. Cutting Edge* and *Dale Doran*
- Prepare an outline of topics/questions to conduct an interview as the lawyer

In class:

- Interview the client in *Jones* or *Doran*
- Hand in outline and memo of Sept 10 interview

Class 9/24 Counseling I Assignment:

- Text, 233-248
- Prepare to explain the concept of summary judgment or temporary restraining order to a client

- Prepare to counsel the client in *Hapless Harvest* or *Family Matters* about their options
- Prepare an outline of the topics you will cover and the advice you will give

In class:

- Explain the assigned legal concept
- Counsel the client in *Hapless Harvest* or *Family Matters*
- Hand in the outline

Class 10/1 Counseling II Assignment:

- Text 249-271
- Prepare to counsel either Chris Jones or Dale Doran concerning an assigned issue in the case.
- Prepare an outline as the lawyer

In class:

- Counsel the client in *Jones* or *Doran*
- Hand in the outline

Oct 8 Assignment:

- Prepare short paper critiquing the video of counseling of your client on Oct. 1
 - Text, 273-285
 - Prepare to counsel Jones re: a later issue, or Branum in *Settle for More or Less*
- In class:** Conduct counseling sessions

Oct 15 No class - Monday schedule

Oct 22 Assignment:

- Handout: Emotional Issues
 - Prepare to describe what emotions Hacker/Kane are feeling
 - Prepare to interview the client in *Powerscreen* or *Termination Tempest*
- In class:** Conduct interviews

Oct 29 Assignment:

- Handout: Cognitive Issues
 - Prepare to discuss what cognitive forces may be affecting Hacker/Kane
 - Prepare to counsel the client in *Powerscreen* or *Termination Tempest*
- In class:** Counsel clients

Nov 5 Assignment:

- Handout: Delivering Bad News
 - Prepare to further counsel the client in *Powerscreen II* or *Termination Tempest II*
- In class:** Counsel clients

Nov 7 (Make up for Nov 26) Assignment:

- Text, 285-292
 - Prepare to counsel client in *Hapless Harvest* or *Family Matters* (take the same roles as in the September class)
- In class:** Discuss and counsel clients

Nov 12

Assignment:

- Handout: Decision Analysis
 - Prepare decision analysis problems (Blackboard)
 - Prepare to use decision analysis to counsel assigned client
- In class:** Analyze problems, counsel client

Nov 19

Assignment:

- Prepare to interview client in *Cubit* or *Upscale Accusations*
- In class:** Interview clients

Dec 3

Assignment:

- Prepare to counsel client in assigned problem or *Upscale Accusations*
- In class:** Counsel clients