

APPELLATE ADVOCACY
 FALL 2024
 Professor Chester Harper
 Assignment Schedule

All materials, other than the McAlpin book, are on Canvas

<u>Week</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Reading Assignment</u>	<u>Writing Assignment</u>	<u>Class Topics</u>
1	August 26	- Syllabus and Class Schedule - The Complete Appellate Advocate		Introductions, discussing syllabus and schedule, discussing class expectations
	August 28	- <i>VanDerStok v. Garland</i> 680 F.Supp.3d 741 (N.D.Tex. 2023) - Review Joint Appendix		Discuss Assigned Reading
2	September 2	None		Labor Day – No Class
	September 4	- <i>VanDerStok v. Garland</i> , 86 F.4th 179 (5th Cir. 2023)		Discuss Assigned Reading
3	September 9	- <i>Abramski v. U.S.</i> 2259 134 S.Ct. 2259 (2014) - <i>U.S. v Lee et al.</i> , 443 F.2d 463 (1971)		Discuss Assigned Reading
	September 11	- <i>Garland v. Cargill</i> , 602 U.S. 406 (2024) - <i>Barrett v. U.S.</i> , 96 S.Ct. 498 (1976)		
4	September 16	- McAlpin, pages 3-19, - Research 101		Discuss Coherent Writing
	September 18	- McAlpin, pages 19-26	Research Memo due on Sunday, September 22, by 11:59 pm, on Canvas	Discuss assigned Reading Complete discussion of Coherent Writing (with Exercise on page 26)

5	September 23	- McAlpin, pages 31-46, - Passive Voice for Lawyers		Discuss Statement of the Case Discuss Vigorous Writing (Exercise 1 on page 60)
	September 25	- McAlpin, pages 47-58	Statement of the Case due on Sunday, September 29, by 11:59 pm, on Canvas	Discuss argument organization Complete discussion of Vigorous Writing (Exercises 2 and 3 on pages 61-62)
6	September 30	- Read the point headings in the two Sample Briefs - McAlpin, pages 63-94		Discuss point headings Discuss Clear Writing (Exercise 1 on page 103)
	October 2	- McAlpin, pages 95-103 - Standards of Review		Discuss counter-arguments Complete discussion of Clear Writing (Exercise 2 on page 104)
7	October 7	- Read the Summary of Argument in the two Sample Briefs - McAlpin, pages 107-119	Point Headings due on Monday, October 7, by 11:59 pm, on Canvas	Discuss Summary of Argument; discuss Polished Writing
	October 9	- McAlpin, pages 119-144, - Bluebook Signals Explained		Complete discussion of Polished Writing
8	October 14	None		Indigenous Peoples Day – No Class
	October 16	None	First draft of Summary of Argument and Argument due on Saturday, October 19 by 11:59 pm on Canvas—Final draft due two weeks after individual conference at 11:59 pm on Canvas	Discuss opening and closing sections of the brief Final Questions for Brief
9	October 21	None		No Class

	October 23-28	None		No Class - Conferences.
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	October 30	None		No Class
11	November 4	None		Practice oral arguments— no class
	November 6	None		Practice oral arguments— no class
12	November 11	- Supreme Court Guide for Counsel		Debrief on practice oral arguments
	November 13	None		No class
13	November 17	None	Final Day to Submit Briefs	
	November 21	None		Final Oral Arguments
	November 22	None		Final Oral Arguments
14	November 25	None		No Class
	November 27	None		Final Class – Debrief and course evaluations
15	December 2	None		No Class
16	December 4	None		No Class