ASSIGNMENT FOR FIRST CLASS

Welcome back! I look forward to seeing you all at our first class meeting on Thursday, January 12. Over the course of the semester, we will be working toward the preparation of a trial brief, an appellate brief and oral argument advocating your appellate theory, among other assignments. The focus of the semester will be on persuasive writing.

The main texts for the class will be: (1) Introduction to Advocacy: Research, Writing and Argument, Eighth edition (Foundation Press) and (2) Neumann, Legal Reasoning and Legal Writing (Seventh Edition). In addition, we will continue to refer to The Bluebook and Sloan, Basic Legal Research Tools and Strategies. Since we used the Neumann and Sloan texts and The Bluebook in LAWR I, the only book that you will have to purchase now is Introduction to Advocacy (a short paperback text).

To prepare for the first class meeting, please read Chapters 22 – 25 in the Neumann text and Appendix D. Prepare the Bradwyn exercise on page 262 - 265, for class discussion.

Also, bring in your materials from last semester’s memo #3 and memo #4. We will begin the process of turning these predictive memos into a persuasive trial brief.

Finally, you are required to attend the Lexis, Westlaw, and Bloomberg Law computer research refresher courses in the library, to enhance your computer research skills. You will need to sign up online at the websites below, at your earliest convenience. The sessions will be held as follows.

**Lexis LWR II training weeks:** Week of Jan. 16, Feb. 6  
**Bloomberg LWR II training weeks:** Week of Jan 23, Feb 13  
**Westlaw LWR II training weeks:** Week of Jan 30, Feb 20

Westlaw: [http://www.lawschool.westlaw.com](http://www.lawschool.westlaw.com)  
Bloomberg: [http://www.bloomberglaw.com](http://www.bloomberglaw.com)  
Lexis: [https://advance.lexis.com](https://advance.lexis.com)

Enjoy the rest of your winter break, and all good wishes for a healthy, happy and successful new year.