New Course for Summer 2021

Special Topics: Writing for Litigation

Course Information:

- LAW 7983
- CRN = TBD
- 1 credit
- Instructor: Professor Stevie Leahy
- Limited to 20
  - By application only. Applications are due by 12 noon on Monday April 5. [Click here for application.]
  - Priority will be given to: 1) 2Ls on co-op whose co-op does not begin until after May 21; 2) 2Ls in school for Summer 2021; and 3) 3Ls in school in Summer 2021.
- Meets first 2 weeks of Summer Semester
  - Tuesday May 11 and 18; 11:10-1:10
  - Thursday May 13 and 20; 11:10-1:10
  - Friday May 14 and 21; 10:35-12:35

Course Description:

This 1-credit course will introduce students to writing for litigation, including engagement and demand letters, complaints, answers, discovery requests (interrogatories, RFPs, RFAs etc.), and motions. Using Writing for Litigation, the Aspen Coursebook Series authored by Kamela Bridges and Wayne Schiess, students will focus on understanding: (1) the audience of a litigation document (2) the purpose (3) the proper components (4) relevant strategic considerations for documents, and (5) general principles that apply to all litigation documents. Over the course of two weeks, students will have the opportunity to review and draft a variety of litigation documents, to find and modify relevant samples, and to find and apply the specific rules of any jurisdiction where they are practicing. This course will also touch on the protections of attorney client privilege and attorney work product throughout litigation.