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LAW & TECHNOLOGY WRITING WORKSHOP

Fall Course Requirements (2 credits)

- Join and participate in BTLJ
- Class meeting time: Tuesdays 2:20-4:10 pm (room 123 - unless otherwise noted)
- Complete various research and writing assignments (ON TIME)
- Prepare a polished case comment (approx. 20 pages double-spaced) by December 20, 2006
- Present another student's piece and provide constructive commentary
- Submit draft for consideration by BTLJ editors

Spring Requirements (1 credit - 299)

- Perform a substantive edit (and cite check) on another piece written for the class
- Revise your comment to the satisfaction of BTLJ editors
- Assist in final production

Date	Description
8/22	Introduction; Discuss Annual Review of Law & Technology; Analysis of Case Comments from Annual Review; Review Overall Structure and Reporting and Background of Case; Overview of Law & Technology; Distribute and Review Topic List <i>Assignment:</i> Fill out topic preference form
M, 8/28 10 am	submit preference form for topics to in the box outside Boalt 355
8/29	Distribute Assignments; Describe Background Paper/Pathfinder Assignments <i>Assignment:</i> Preliminary Research on Topic; Reporting of Case (3 - 5 pages)
9/5	Presentation on Conducting Research on Law and Technology Issues NOTE: THIS CLASS MEETS IN THE LIBRARY COMPUTER LAB <i>Assignment:</i> Pathfinder/Briefing Paper
9/8 2:00 pm	Reporting of Case Due SUBMIT THIS AND ALL SUBSEQUENT ASSIGNMENTS IN THE BOX OUTSIDE BOALT 355 AND TO YOUR ADVISOR'S BOX

Date	Description
9/12	Brief Class Meeting followed by Breakout Sessions with Advisors and module
9/19	Analytical Perspectives <i>Background Reading:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Menell & Scotchmer, Intellectual Property <i>Assignment:</i> Read 2 Notes from the BERKELEY TECH. L.J. on your topic area assigned to you by your advisor; Reminder that your Pathfinder/Briefing Paper are due at the end of this week; start work on your outline.
9/22 10:00 am	Pathfinder/Briefing Paper Due
9/25 - 28	Breakout Sessions – meeting with advisor, module, and Professor Menell (45 minutes) <i>Assignment:</i> Begin working on your Outline due on 10/9/06
10/2 - 10/6	Flyback Week
10/9 10:00 am	Outline Due
week of 10/9	Breakout Sessions - meeting with advisor and Professor Menell (30 minutes per student)
10/17	Legal Writing Primer <i>Background Reading:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • packet to be distributed • editing project: selected paragraphs (reporting of the case) from a draft case comment on ProCD v. Zeidenberg. <i>Assignment:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carefully revise the sample case comment. Focus on the overall structure of the excerpt (ordering of ideas in the paragraphs) as well as the sentence structure, word choice, and grammar of the draft.
Week of 10/23	Breakout Sessions <i>Future Assignment:</i> First Draft
10/24	Blue-booking, Editing, Style Manual <i>Assignment:</i> Continue work on First Draft
week of 10/30	Break-out Sessions with Advisors

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10/30 2:00 pm	First Draft Due
week of 11/6	Breakout Sessions – Meeting with advisers and Professor Menell (30 minutes per student)
week of 11/13	Module Presentations Intermediate Draft Due on Monday before presentation (distribute to all module members, advisor, Professor Menell (Boalt 355))
week of 11/20	Module Presentations Intermediate Draft Due on Monday before presentation (distribute to all module members, advisor, Professor Menell (Boalt 355))
11/24	Thanksgiving
week of 11/27	Module Presentations Intermediate Draft Due on Monday before presentation (distribute to all module members, advisor, Professor Menell (Boalt 355))
11/28	Concluding Session
12/20	Final Draft Due