BERKELEY LAW CRIMINAL TRIAL PRACTICE 246.1

MEMORANDUM

TO: STUDENTS INTERESTED IN CRIMINAL TRIAL PRACTICE

RE: FIRST CLASS SESSION AND ENROLLMENT

1. Enrollment And Attendance At The First Session

Attendance at the first session is required in order to ensure a seat in the class. If you are interested in the class, you should attend the first session, whether or not you are on the waiting list.

2. Agenda For The First Session

A. Course Overview And Class Enrollment

The first part of our initial session will be devoted to an overview of the semester curriculum and determining the makeup of the class.

B. Overview Of The Criminal Trial Process And Case Strategy

For the remainder of our first session we will examine the criminal process, trial preparation, and the critical question of how to formulate and pursue an effective, ethical case strategy, from both a prosecution and defense perspective. A vehicle for this discussion will be the case of People v. Elderts. The police reports in the Elderts case accompany this memorandum and are also included in the course reader. We will make time during the class session for review of Elderts; however, if possible, students should review the case before class