

# SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

## The Study of Law

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### Office Hours

All office hours will be held in person from 5:00 – 6:00 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays. Additional appointments can be scheduled via email.

### Course Materials

Michael Hunter Schwartz & Paula J. Manning, *Expert Learning for Law Students* (3d Ed., Carolina Academic Press)

Case Supplement (Posted to Blackboard and distributed via email)

All other required materials will be distributed emailed, and/or posted to Blackboard. Students are responsible for being aware of all announcements and materials posted to Blackboard throughout the course. Students are presumed to have received and read any emails sent to a Syracuse University e-mail account. The syllabus may be modified throughout the course and students are responsible for being prepared per the most recent revisions, postings, and announcements.

### Disability Policy

All students with disabilities who need academic accommodations should contact the Office of Student Affairs as soon as possible. Nothing in this syllabus should be read to preclude access to an authorized educational accommodation.

### Class Recording

The recording of any portion of any class is not permitted without advance permission from the instructor.

## **Assignments**

Please come to class fully prepared to discuss the readings for that day, along with any assignments.

### **Tuesday, August 2nd**

Topics: Expert Learning; Personal Learning Style

Reading: Schwartz, Chapters 1 – 3

Assignment Due: Personal Reflection Essay

### **Wednesday, August 3rd**

Topics: Law School Expectations; What to Do Before Class; Battery (Intent)

Reading: Schwartz, Chapters 4 - 5; *Garratt v. Dailey* (1955); *Spivey v. Battaglia* (1972)

Assignment Due: Case Briefs for *Garratt* and *Spivey*

### **Thursday, August 4th**

Topics: What to Do During Class; Battery (Intent)

Reading: Schwartz, Chapter 6; *Ranson v. Kitner* (1888); *McGuire v. Almy* (1937); *Fisher v. Carrousel Motor Hotel Inc.* (1967)

Assignment Due: None

### **Friday, August 5th**

Topics: What to Do After Class; Assault; Defenses to Intentional Torts

Reading: Schwartz, Chapter 7; *Western Union v. Hill* (1933); *Koffman v. Garnett* (2003); *Mohr v. Williams* (1905)

Assignment Due: Notes on Battery

### **Monday, August 8th**

Topics: What to Do During an Exam

Reading: Schwartz, Chapter 9

Assignment Due: Outline for Battery

**Tuesday, August 9th**

Topics: Why, When, and How to Get Help

Reading: Schwartz, Chapter 8

Assignment Due: Intentional Torts Hypo and Self-Evaluation

**Wednesday, August 10th**

Topics: Starting the Year Off Right

Reading: None

Assignment Due: None

**Thursday, August 11th**

Study for Final Exam

**Friday, August 12th**

10:00 – 11:30 Final Exam