Trial Advocacy – Presentation Skills and Technology Supplement (Fall 2024) – Course Schedule

- This course is a one-credit-hour supplement to the Trial Advocacy (LAWS 679) sections being taught for Fall 2024. It will teach students key presentation skills and how to effectively use technology at trial.
- This course will be delivered in six, two-hour classes on Fridays: August 23 – September 27, 2024, 10:45 AM – 12:50 PM.
- This course will *not* use a case book. Students will be provided all materials required for the course in electronic format.

Date	Class	Topics
August 23, 2024	Class 1	**Course Overview & Persuasive Presentations: How to Be More Clear, Confident, and Convincing (Part 1)** Students will learn proven presentation techniques (*e.g.*, voice, stance, gestures, and focus) to understand and manage adrenaline when speaking. Students will learn how to become more confident and competent when speaking in the courtroom.
August 30, 2024	Class 2	**Persuasive Presentations: How to Be More Clear, Confident, and Convincing (Part 2)** Communicating clearly and effectively when presenting new or complicated information requires thoughtful use of words and visuals to maintain audiences' attention and help them understand and remember information. Students will learn how keep an audience interested and engaged with the effective use of graphics, slides, and exhibits.
September 6, 2024	Class 3	**Experiential Workshop 1: Be More Clear, Confident, and Convincing** Each student will present in a small group for about 5 minutes incorporating the skills learned in Class 1. Students will receive feedback from each other and experienced trial attorneys.
September 13, 2024	Class 4	**Effective Use of PowerPoint at Trial** Students will learn how to capture the jurors' attention by using PowerPoint to create engaging and impactful openings and closings, as well as how to create demonstrative exhibits designed to help a jury better understand evidence.
September 20, 2024	Class 5	**Technology at Trial** Students will learn about the key questions attorneys should ask when making decisions about using technology at trial. They will learn ways to save time in the courtroom by using technology, including how electronic trial presentation software makes presenting evidence more efficient and effective.
September 27, 2024	Class 6	**Experiential Workshop 2: Putting it All Together** Each student will make a presentation incorporating technology to a small group for about 5 minutes, applying the skills they learned throughout the course. Students will receive feedback from each other and experienced trial attorneys.