ELECTIVE COURSE INFORMATION

COURSE NAME: Advanced Legal Writing: Litigation Drafting

COURSE NUMBER: 870C

PROFESSOR: John S. Conner

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES: Civil Procedure 1 & 2

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITES: Any legal writing experience.

COURSE BOOKS: Beyond the Basics 2 Ed. Ray & Cox; The Redbook 2 Ed. Garner

METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE:

Six to eight out of class writing assignments will be letter graded, with an option to rewrite each assignment once (must do at least three rewrites) which will averaged with the original assignment grade at 50% resulting in a composite letter grade for each assignment. The last out of class writing assignment with be weighted twice the other assignments. There will also be in class writing assignments and class discussions.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:

The goal of the course is learn and practice effective litigation writing skills not producing written work product. Writing assignments will not require extensive writing, but will require the application of practical effective writing skills.

COURSE CONTENT:

Lectures and discussions of effective writing techniques as well as practicing of these skills.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES:

To improve legal writing thereby improving effectiveness as a litigator.