USF School of Law  
Fall 2019 – First Assignment  

Course:  
Trial Practice  

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Course Materials:  
- The Trial Wheel©  
- The Evidence Wheel©  
- Patrick Case files and hard copy documents in binders (distributed in first class)  
- The Rutter Guide: California Civil Trials and Evidence (Three Volume Set – Optional Purchase)  
- The Class Schedule (which may be updated throughout the semester)  

First Assignment:  
1. View the Rutter Group Video Seminar online (see e-mail from Rutter Group, which should be arriving soon) or watch the DVD on reserve in the library. You need to have The Wheels while you watch this video! (Note: If you are having difficulty getting the books, a set of The Wheels are on reserve in the library as well, but you will need them for the first class.) The seminar will teach you how The Wheels work, and must be viewed while you have The Evidence and Trial Wheel books in your hands.  
- NOTE: It is MANDATORY that you complete this assignment before the 1st class – you will be asked if you did. By the way, this Seminar better than any movie you have ever seen – you will be on the edge of your seat for 3 hours.  
3. Self Tests 1-5: The Evidence Wheel Pages 21-24  
- Note that this questionnaire contains many of the same questions that jurors have to answer – so now you will know what jurors feel like.  
6. Download and read the first two pages of the Class Schedule: https://spaces.hightail.com/receive/c1Sm9GO2vV
• Note that you will be giving a presentation in the first class, but do not worry, you will do a great job. Note that the reading assignment is only 30 pages! -- because we have already extracted the material. Read and learn the above materials very carefully – these are the fundamentals that you need to “overlearn.”

Additional Notes:

First, we would like to welcome you to the Fall 2019 Trial Practice class! We are trial lawyers and USF Law Grads. We take great pride in being a members of the USF School of Law Adjunct faculty and being able to teach the next generation of great USF trial lawyers. At the end of this class you will be able to take a case to trial and answer any question on the bar exam pertaining to evidence or trial procedure.

We promise that you are going to enjoy this class while learning at a fast pace! If you really want “it,” you will become a trial lawyer in this class.

It is crucial that you complete all the assignments listed before the 1st class as we hit the ground running. You will see how the magic unfolds when you lean these fundamentals!

We look forward to meeting you! -Professors Arns & Brandi