

ITAP SCHEDULE

Widener Law Commonwealth
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
May 19-26, 2017

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

TEXTBOOK: MAUET, TRIAL TECHNIQUES AND TRIALS (9th ed. 2013)
You may also use the 10th edition (2017) but please note that chapters 6 and 7 have been flipped in the new edition.

CASE FILE MATERIALS:

Robinson v. Sopwith
People v. Grabelsky

Both case files are available online. To access the files, visit:

<http://commonwealthlaw.widener.edu/current-students/academics/practical-learning-opportunities/practical-learning-courses/itap/>

Please note that the *Grabelsky* file is lengthy, and some folks have experienced difficulty in opening the case file. Because of this, the testimony of the witnesses are available as separate files.

During the Simulations, faculty members may choose the problems that the students will practice. Faculty members may also change facts or otherwise “tinker” with the problems.

DAY 1

FRIDAY, MAY 19

INTRODUCTION OF EXHIBITS

- Assignment:
- a. Read Mauet, Chapter 1, The Trial Process,
 - b. Read Mauet, Chapter 6 (or 7), Exhibits,
 - c. Read Case Files Robinson v. Sopwith, People v. Grabelsky; and
 - d. Prepare to perform simulation problems
- 9:00 - 9:30 Coffee
- 9:30 – 10:00 Introduction. Room A180
- 10:00 – 11:00 Introduction and demonstration on exhibit handling
- 11:00 – 12:00 Student work time to prepare for simulations
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 – 2:15 Simulation:
People v. Grabelsky
- a. For the prosecution
 - i. Introduce the handwritten note from Grabelsky to Kowalski
 - ii. Introduce the picture and the floor diagram of the Off-Track Betting Parlor.
 - iii. Introduce the gun used to shoot Lyman Zyrga
 - b. For the defense
 - i. Introduce the handwritten note from Grabelsky to Kowalski (assume that the note has not been introduced by the prosecution)
 - ii. Introduce one (or more) of the checks written by Grabelsky
- Robinson v. Sopwith
- c. For the plaintiff
 - i. Introduce the copy of *Flyboy* magazine
 - ii. Introduce the Sopwith Service Bulletin and/or the Draft Service Bulletin
 - iii. Introduce the note from Tracy Leduc to Gary Robinson
 - d. For the defendant
 - i. Introduce the Bank Examination Report
 - ii. Introduce the NTSB Accident Report
(Faculty Choice)
- 2:15 – 2:30 Break
- 2:30 – 3:45 Simulation: Continue with problems
- 3:45 – 4:00 Break
- 4:00 – 5:00 Direct Examination Demonstration

DAY 2

SATURDAY, MAY 20

DIRECT EXAMINATION OF WITNESSES

- Assignment:
- a. Read Mauet, Chapter 5, Direct Examination,
 - b. Read Mauet, Chapter 10, Objections, and
 - c. Prepare to perform simulation problems

8:30 - 9:00 Coffee

9:00 - 10:15 Simulation:

People v. Grabelsky

- a. For the prosecution
 - i. Conduct a direct examination of either Captain Kowalski or Lyman Zyrga (student choice)
- b. For the defense
 - i. Conduct a direct examination of Max Grabelsky

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- c. For the plaintiff
 - i. Conduct a direct examination of either Gabriella Robinson or Rufus Pennington (as a lay witness only) (student choice)
- d. For the defendant
 - i. Conduct a direct examination of Tracy Leduc

10:15 - 10:30 Break

10:30 - 12:00 Simulation: Continue with problems

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 2:30 Simulation: Continue with problems

2:30 – 2:45 Break

2:45 – 3:45 Film: *The Ten Commandments of Cross Examination*

3:45 – 4:00 Break

DAY 3

MONDAY, MAY 22

CROSS EXAMINATIONS

- Assignment:
- a. Read Mauet, Chapter 7 (or 6), Cross-Examination, and
 - b. Prepare to perform simulation problems.

8:30 - 9:00

Coffee

9:00 – 10:30

Simulation:

People v. Grabelsky

- a. For the prosecution
 - i. Conduct a cross-examination of Max Grabelsky
- b. For the defense
 - i. Conduct a cross-examination of either Captain Kowalski or Lyman Zyrga (student choice)

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- c. For the plaintiff
 - i. Conduct a cross-examination of Tracy Leduc
- d. For the defendant
 - i. Conduct a cross-examination of either Gabriella Robinson or Rufus Pennington (as a lay witness only) (student choice)

(Faculty Choice)

10:30 – 10:45

Break

10:45 – 12:00

Simulation: Continue with problems

12:00 – 1:00

Lunch

1:00 - 2:30

Simulation: Continue with problems

2:30 – 2:45

Break

2:45 – 4:00

Simulation: Continue with problems

4:00 – 4:15

Break

4:15 – 5:15

Direct Examination of Expert Witness Demonstration

DAY 4

TUESDAY, MAY 23

DIRECT & CROSS EXAMINATION OF EXPERTS

- Assignment: a. Read Mauet, Chapter 8, Experts, and
b. Prepare to perform simulation problems.

8:30 - 9:00 Coffee

9:00 – 10:30 Simulation:

People v. Grabelsky

- a. Conduct a direct and cross-examination of Fran Kukla-Ali

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- b. Conduct a direct and cross-examination of Dusty Rhodes
c. Conduct a direct and cross-examination of Rufus Pennington (as an expert)

(Faculty Choice)

10:30 – 10:45 Break

10:45 – 12:00 Simulation: Continue with problems

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 2:30 Simulation: Continue with problems

2:30 – 2:45 Break

2:45 – 4:00 Simulation: Continue with problems

4:00 - 4:15 Break

4:15 – 5:15 Opening Statements lecture and demonstration.

DAY 5

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

OPENING STATEMENTS

Assignment: a. Read Mauet, Chapter 4, Opening Statements, and
B. Prepare opening statements.

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 Simulation: People v. Grabelsky
Present Opening statements
Robinson v. Sopwith
Present Opening statements

10:30 – 10:45 Break

10:45 – 12:00 Simulations: Continue with Opening Statements

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 2:30 Simulation: People v. Grabelsky
Present Opening statements
Robinson v. Sopwith
Present Opening statements

2:30 – 2:45 Break

2:45 – 3:45 Simulation: Continue with Opening Statements

3:45 – 4:00 Break

4:00 – 5:00 Closing Arguments Lecture and Demonstration

DAY 6

THURSDAY, MAY 25

CLOSING ARGUMENTS

Assignment: a. Read Mauet, Chapter 9, Closing Arguments, and
b. Prepare closing arguments.

8:30 - 9:00 Coffee

9:00 – 10:15 Simulation: People v. Grabelsky
Present Closing Argument

Robinson v. Sopwith
Present Closing Argument

10:15 – 10:30 Break

10:30 - 12:00 Simulation: People v. Grabelsky
Continue Closing Argument

Robinson v. Sopwith
Continue Closing Argument

12:00 - 12:45 Lunch

12:45 - 4:00 Simulation: People v. Grabelsky
Continue Closing Argument

Robinson v. Sopwith
Continue Closing Argument

DAY 7

FRIDAY, MAY 26

TRIALS

Assignment: a. Review previous readings and prepare for trials.

8:30 – 9:00 Coffee

9:00 – 12:00 Trials

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 4:00 Trials