

CLASS NUMBER AND NAME: LGN370B DISCOVERY II

**TOTAL CLOCK HOURS/UNITS**: 24 Hours/2 Units

**PREREQUISITES**: LGN370A DISCOVERY I

**TEXT AND MATERIALS**: <u>California Civil Litigation.</u> 5<sup>th</sup> Ed. Burnett Luten, Susan. 2009

Delmar/Cengage (ISBN 9781428318458)

**CLASS DESCRIPTION**: This concentrates on discovery and investigation in civil litigation. Students

will review case scenarios and recommend courses of discovery procedures to be taken. Students will prepare and respond to numerous discovery documents including requests for admissions and requests for production of documents. The course will provide the student with an understanding of the rules for state

and federal discovery procedures.

**CLASS OBJECTIVES**: This class is designed to provide the student with the skills necessary to prepare

numerous discovery documents such as requests for admissions and requests for production of documents. It will also provide students with the opportunity

to learn how to conduct investigative research.

**REQUIREMENTS:** This is an approximate schedule and is subject to change at the instructor's

discretion. The student is responsible for any missed information and handouts due to absences. Homework includes familiarizing yourself to the Calendar and Syllabus, textbook reading assignments, and study guide homework plus diagrams, flashcards, and practice tests all when appropriate to augment learning. The time spent in preparation for or reflection on course lecture will approximate two hours outside of class for each lecture credit hour utilized by the instructor in delivery of the materials and ½ hour

outside of class for each hour of structured lab time.

**CLASS FORMAT OVERVIEW**: Class lecture and discussion, and assignment overview the first hour of class.

Students will be provided lab time for their assignments during the second hour

of class. Class projects will be reviewed weekly.

**CLASSROOM ATTENDANCE:** It is critical to the student's success to attend class every day. The student's

presence for the entire hour is an important demonstration of the concept of professional demeanor and shows respect for the class. Therefore, students will only be marked present when they arrive on time and remain for the entire class session. A student must be present for a minimum of 80 percent of the class, or she or he will be asked to leave the class and will receive a failing grade in the

class.

**TESTING:** 

There are four weekly quizzes and a final exam given in Discovery II. There are no make-up quizzes; if a student misses a quiz, she or he will receive a 0.

**GRADING POLICIES:** 

<u>No late homework assignments will be accepted by the instructor.</u> The attached course outline provides points available and homework policies.

Weighting of grades is as follows:

100% Homework, Quizzes, Final Exams or Written Papers

**FINAL GRADE:** 

In Discovery II, the final grade is a letter grade based upon completing all assignments, the four quizzes, the final exam, the Discovery folder, and attendance.

ANTICIPATED LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon completion of Discovery II, in addition to the knowledge and practical experience gained from Discovery I, the student will also be able to:

- 1. Draft and prepare Requests for Admissions and responses to Requests for Admissions;
- 2. Draft and prepare Requests for Production of Documents and Responses to Requests for Production of Documents;
- 3. Draft and prepare a memorandum regarding investigation of individuals and expert witnesses;
- 4. Digest and index discovery documents; and
- 5. Review and understand evidentiary rules, scope of discovery disclosures and miscellaneous discovery procedures.



## DISCOVERY II LGN370B CALENDAR

DATE	TOPICS TO BE	COVERED	DUE DATES: CLASS ASSIGNMENTS
Week 1	Topics Covered:  Assignment 1: Assignment 2:	Evidence Review, Objections and Requests for Admissions Review of Discovery Rules and Timing Requests for Admissions, Set One, Propounded on Homer Simpson Form Interrogatories, Set One,	Assignments 1, 2, and 3 (100 points each for 300 points): Assignments Due:
	Assignment 3:	Propounded on Homer Simpson Requests for Admissions, Set One, Propounded on Trump	Quiz (20 points):
	HW: Reading:	Chapter 15, Requests for Admissions, pp. 219 – 229, study for chapter quiz	
	Quiz on Lectures		
Week 2	Topics Covered:	Demand for Inspection, Identification and Production of Documents and Other Tangible Things, Rules and Strategies, Responses, Document Review Strategies	Assignment 4 (200 points) Due:
	Assignment 4: Assignment 5:	Document Review Memo Demand for Inspection, Identification and Production of Documents and Other Tangible Things, Set One	Assignment 5 (100 points) Due:
	HW: Reading:	Chapter 17, Obtaining and Using Tangible Evidence, pp. 257 – 268, study for chapter quiz	Quiz (20 points):
	Quiz on Lectures		
Week 3-4	Topics Covered:	Discovery Rules and Timing Review, Drafting Privilege Logs, E-Discovery, Independent Medical Examinations	Continue Work on Assign 4 and 5, both due:
	Assignment 6:	Chapter 18, p. 274 Assignment (as a memo to your attorney Perry Mason substitute Homer Simpson, <i>Simpson v. Trump</i> for Murphy, <i>Murphy v. Johnson</i> . Assume Homer had a history of alcoholism at all times relevant.)	Assignment 6 (50 points) Due: Quiz (20 points):
	HW: Reading:	Chapter 18, Independent Medical Examinations, pp. 269 – 276, study for chapter quiz	
	Quiz on Lectures		
Week 5	Topics Covered:	Interviewing Witnesses, Expert Witnesses, Use of Discovery at Trial	Assignment 7 (150 points) Due:
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	Assignment 7:  HW: Reading:  Quiz on Lectures	Disclosure of Expert Witness  Chapter 19, Expert Witness Discovery, pp. 277 – 283  and Chap. 19	Quiz (20 points):
Week 6	Lecture/Review – Final Exam		Final Exam (100 points):
	Assignment 8:  HW: Study for fi Final Exam (NO	Discovery folder with formal discovery assignments included (Manila folder with Discovery Table of Contents, tabbed, neat and professional appearance) inal exam open book, NO notes)	Discovery folder (50 points)  Due:

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NOTE: Assignments will not be accepted late. In a law office, deadlines are critical and non-negotiable.

This class abides by the same rules. Also note that attendance is part of your grade (please see the attendance policy in class syllabus).

The instructor reserves the right to reconfigure the above with prior notice to the class.

The class objectives will be met regardless of deviation from this outline.

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