University of Georgia School of Law Academic Enhancement Program Fall Semester 2016

'OneL' Series

* All sessions will meet on Fridays at 10:00 a.m. in Room J

August 19 The Basics – Things Every New Law Student Needs to Know

As you are getting used to reading cases and navigating your classes, this session will alert you to unfamiliar terminology, legal doctrines, and principles that cut across all of your courses and will provide tips specific to each of your first-year subjects.

August 26 Beyond the (Case) Brief – What Are You Actually Supposed to be Getting from All of This?

What is the endgame here? What are you actually going to be tested on? The answers to those questions are unique to law school and should dictate how you approach the cases you are reading, how you take notes in class, and how you study outside of class. In this session, we will answer those questions and look at some typical law school exam questions to help you better focus on what matters.

September 9 Starting to Construct the Puzzle – Synthesizing for Classes

You understand the individual cases, but understanding how they fit together is what will matter for exams. This session will focus on how you can begin to pull clusters of cases together and start to lay the groundwork for outlining.

September 16 Outlining: Your Biggest Assignment (That is Never Assigned)

There are definitely *wrong* ways to outline. This session will show you how to effectively begin pulling together the case briefs, class notes, hypotheticals, rules, statutes, and other bits of materials you are accumulating into manageable and organized study aids that will help you at exam time.

September 23 September 30

October 14

Writing Workshop Series

Everything you think you know about writing but are afraid you don't . . . This series of workshops will cover common writing problems in Legal Research & Writing assignments and how you can avoid them. [Specific focus of each workshop TBA]

October 21

Exam-Taking Series –Session 1: Spotting & Framing the Issues

This session will focus on unearthing and framing issues and subissues in essay exam questions, as well as organizing those issues for maximum points.

October 28

Exam-Taking Series – Session 2: Dealing with the Rules

How much "rule" is enough in an exam answer? How much is too much? Too little? What about exceptions to rules? This session will focus on these questions and others related to dealing with rules in exam answers.

November 4

Exam-Taking Series – Session 3: Explaining the Analysis

Application of the relevant rules to the facts you are given on an exam is the heart of a law school essay exam answer. This workshop will focus on how to explain your analysis of the facts in a way that earns maximum points.

November 18

Exam-Taking Series – Session 4: "Pencils Up"

As exam time approaches, make sure your hard work translates into points on your exams. This session will focus on how to anticipate and prepare for questions, effectively accumulate points, and avoid running out of time on your exams.