Course Name: ACCL	Semester: TBD	
Course Section: Mock Trials	Duration of this course section: 19 hours	

PLC Question One: What do we want all students to know and be able to do?

Objectives covered from the course outline:

- Objective 1: Describe the mock trial process and legal documents contained in a mock trial case
- **Objective 2**: Analyze case materials to determine what information is relevant to proving a case, including a differentiation of helpful and harmful information
- Objective 3: Draft witness examination questions and answers using professional language and grammar
- Objective 4: Demonstrate substantive trial skills in an organized and professional manner
- Objective 5: Analyze and interpret legal documents and laws to develop legal arguments and conclusions
- Objective 6: Convey relevant legal information in an organized and cohesive opening statement or closing argument
- Objective 7: Present a well organized trial presentation that utilizes professional language and focuses on satisfying all applicable legal standards

Supporting Objectives (if any):

• Teachers will reference their own local and state education standards to identify supporting standards that may apply to the course

Essential Questions:

- What are important steps that take place in a mock trial?
- How do you draft trial examination questions and answers?
- What are the differences between direct, cross, redirect, and recross examination questions?
- How do you introduce trial evidence?
- How do you impeach a witness?
- What information is contained in common legal documents that are part of a mock trial case?
- Can you differentiate case information that is helpful and harmful to your case?
- How do you draft an opening statement or closing argument?
- Can you present trial information in an organized and professional manner?

Student-Friendly Learning Targets (*Learning Targets are based on the "Objectives" in the course outline):

• I can explain each step of the mock trial process

- I can describe the function and use of legal documents contained in a mock trial case, including: affidavits, jury instructions, a complaint, statutes, precedent, stipulations, motions, orders, and other common documents
- I can differentiate and describe the role of important persons in a mock trial, including witnesses, attorneys, the judge, and the jury
- I can differentiate the purpose and format of direct examinations, cross examinations, re-direct examinations, and re-cross examinations
- I can analyze affidavits to identify which information is helpful vs harmful to each side's case
- I can analyze exhibits to determine what their probative value is and which party could use them to prove their case
- I can use an analysis of case materials to determine the most important points each side needs to prove to win their case
- I can categorize important issues into macro points and supporting facts in order to create a well organized argument
- I can use an analysis of case materials to develop a case theory for each side of a case
- I can draft direct examination questions in the appropriate format
- I can draft cross examination questions in the appropriate format
- I can draft examination questions that accurately prove a case theory
- I can categorize questions and answers into groups that each prove a distinct macro point in order to create a well
 organized argument
- I can utilize clear and professional grammar in the drafting of trial examinations
- I can introduce evidence using the correct steps and etiquette
- I can impeach a witness using the correct steps and etiquette
- I can explain how and when objections are used
- I can explain the purpose and meaning of common objections
- I can determine whether evidence or testimony could give rise to an objection and explain why
- I can analyze and interpret common documents such as an indictment, a complaint/answer, jury instructions, motions, stipulations, and jury instructions
- I can determine what precedent will be relevant to proving a given case and explain why
- I can determine what statutes will be relevant to proving a given case and explain why
- I can draft an opening statement and/or closing argument that includes a description of applicable laws and standards from a case
- I can develop and clear and cohesive case theory that is based on evidence
- I can use professional language and grammar in an opening statement or closing argument
- I can organize evidence and testimony into a clear and compelling argument. Legal standards such as the burden of proof and statutory elements should be mentioned.

- I can present direct and cross examinations in the correct form
- I can use professional language and grammar in the presentation of legal arguments and/or case material
- I can present legal arguments that accurately prove a case theory
- I can present legal arguments that satisfy all applicable legal standards
- I can demonstrate professional etiquette and language throughout a mock trial presentation

Essential Vocabulary

Key Academic Vocabulary:

- Affidavits
- Jury instructions
- Crime elements
- Burden of proof
- Complaint
- Statutes
- Precedent
- Stipulations
- Motion
- Order
- Direct examination
- Cross examination
- Jury
- Judge
- Relevant
- Prejudicial
- Exhibits
- Admissible
- Inadmissible
- Objection
- Sustained
- Overruled
- Impeachment
- Authenticating evidence
- Admitting evidence into the record

- Hearsay
- Opening Statement
- Closing Argument
- Rebuttal

Scaffolded/Review Academic Vocabulary:

• *Essential vocabulary words contain all the most important vocabulary issues

PLC Question Two: How will we know when students have learned?

Assessment and Evidence

Classroom Assessments:

- Trial Vocabulary Quiz
- Case Builder Assignment
- Objection Assignment
- Affidavit Analysis
- Case Analysis Assignment
- Helpful / Harmful Differentiation Analysis Assignment
- Macro Point Product Assessment
- Direct Examination Product Assessment
- Cross Examination Product assessment
- Introduction of Evidence Assignment
- Impeachment Assignment
- Opening Statement & Closing Argument Assignment
- Classroom Presentation

Proficiency Scales			
Score	The student will:		
4.0	Accurately describe the full mock trial process and legal documents contained in a mock trial case		
	 Demonstrate an ability to analyze case materials to identify information that is helpful and harmful to proving a case 		
	 Draft witness examination questions and answers using the correct formatting, professional language, and grammar 		
	Categorize case information into well organized groups that clearly convey the main issues of a case		

	 Analyze exhibits to identify information Demonstrate substantive trial skills in a Analyze and interpret legal documents Examine statutes and describe their co Examine precedent and describe the legal prove or disprove a case 	an organized and professional ma and laws to develop conclusions ontent, as well as how they can be	inner in a case e used to prove or disprove a case
Score 3.0	 The student will: Accurately describe the full mock trial; Demonstrate an ability to find important Draft witness examination questions at Demonstrate substantive trial skills Analyze and interpret legal documents Examine statutes or precedent and de 	nt information in case materials and answers using the correct form and laws to develop conclusions	J.
Score 2.0 The student will: Accurately describe events that occur in a mock trial Read case materials and determine what information is relevant to proving the case Draft witness examination questions and answers Describe substantive trial skills Identify legal documents Describe how precedent and statutes can be used to prove a case			
Planning Question: How will teachers facilitate the learning?			
	<u>Daily Lesson Outline</u> <u>Ensuring engagement</u> <u>Supporting materials with links</u>		
document	Objective 1 - Segment #1 nour (*Broken up as described in the below) Sponge/Motivator	How are students being engaged? • Students interact with trial information in a way that prepares them for a	 Mock Trial case document Full Trial Process full handout Affidavit #1 - Prosecution Witness: Kennedy Lyon -
<u>Opening/</u>	<u> </u>	full trial exercise. Group	<u>vvitiless</u> . Neillieuy Lyon -

• Case introduction and poll - (review step x step instructions in the <u>teacher supplement</u>)

Activity

 Mock trial concepts reading and group activity -(review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement)

Assessment

 Answer questions in a race format - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement)

Closure

 Submission of questions and answers - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement) work allows students to share ideas and increase learning through peer engagement.

How are students using/applying content?

 Students fill in handouts with information they uncover and participate in an engaging group activity

*Pages 20-25 of the Mock Trial case document

- Affidavit #2 The
 Defendant: Blake Hart *Pages 39-44 of the Mock
 Trial case document
- Trial Concepts
- <u>Teacher supplement</u>
- All links are also included in the activity document mentioned in the left column
- Student computers & Overhead projector for teacher

Objective 1 - Segment #2

<u>Time</u> - 1 hour (*Broken up as described in the document below)

Opening/Sponge/Motivator

 Mock case overview - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement)

Activity

• Case document analysis - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement)

Assessment

 Class presentation - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement)

How are students being engaged?

 Group work and exposure to legal documents used in real cases

How are students using/applying content?

 Analysis of legal documents in pursuit of developing their opinions and decisions about a case • See links above

 Closure Submission of work and final presentations - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement) Objective 2 - Segment #1 Time - 1 hour (*Broken up as mentioned in the document below) Opening/Sponge/Motivator Affidavit introduction and reading - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement) Activity Case analysis assignment - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement) 	How are students being engaged? • Group work and exposure to legal documents used in real cases How are students using/applying content? • Analysis of legal documents in pursuit of	 Case development rubric considerations Exhibit section of the Mock Trial case document *Pages 57-72 Case analysis assignment Macro-points assignment Teacher supplement All links are also included in the activity document mentioned in the left
 Assessment Submission of day's work - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement) 	developing opinions and decisions about a case	columnStudent computers & Overhead projector for teacher
 Closure Submission of day's work and teacher review of assignment expectations - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement) 		
Objective 2 - Segment #2 <u>Time</u> - 1 hour (*Broken up as mentioned in the document below) Opening (Spange (Mativator)	How are students being engaged? • Analysis of case materials engages students with a sense of	See links above
Opening/Sponge/Motivator	"solving" a case and	

 Case discussion - (review step x step 	motivates them to try	
instructions in the <i>teacher supplement</i>)	harder as they are part	
	of a case	
<u>Activity</u>		
 Case analysis assignment - (review step x step 	<u>How are students</u>	
instructions in the <i>teacher supplement</i>)	using/applying content?	
	 Analysis of legal 	
<u>Assessment</u>	documents in pursuit of	
 Case Analysis assignment evaluation, full 	developing their	
details covered in teacher supplement)	opinions and decisions	
	about a case	
Closure		
Submission of day's work and teacher review of		
what criteria they will be looking for in the		
assignment to discuss tomorrow - (review step x		
step instructions in the <i>teacher supplement</i>)		
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Objective 2 - Segment #3	How are students being	See links above
Time - 1 hour (*Broken up as mentioned in the	engaged?	
document below)	 Students start to 	
,	develop a position	
Opening/Sponge/Motivator	about each side of a	
Macro points overview and discussion - (review)	case and they are	
step x step instructions in the <i>teacher</i>	engaged from the	
supplement)	argumentative aspect	
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Activity	How are students	
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Assessment	<u> </u>	
	evidence based position	
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Macro points assignment drafting - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement) Assessment	 using/applying content? Drafting of case argument material in pursuit of developing an 	

Macro points work product evaluation - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement) Closure		
Work product submission after reviewing assignment expectations - (review step x step instructions in the <i>teacher supplement</i>)		
Objective 2 - Segment #4 Time - 1 hour (*Broken up as mentioned in the document below) Opening/Sponge/Motivator • Feedback about the prior day's work is provided, along with an opportunity for Q&A from students. Example work products are displayed on the overhead. Full details covered in teacher supplement) Activity • Macro points assignment drafting - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement) Assessment • Macro points work product evaluation - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement)	How are students being engaged? • Students start to develop a position about each side of a case and they are engaged from the argumentative aspect How are students using/applying content? • Drafting of case argument material in pursuit of developing an evidence based position in a case	• See links above
Work product submission after reviewing assignment expectations - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement)		

Objective 3 - Segment #1 Time - 1 hour (*Broken up as mentioned in the document below) Opening/Sponge/Motivator • Direct & Cross introduction and experimentation - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement) Activity	How are students being engaged? • Question and answer activities put students in the shoes of a legal professional and engages their professional interest	 Case development rubric considerations Macro-points assignment Direct and Cross formatting requirements Teacher supplement Student computers & Overhead projector for teacher
 Direct Exam Q&A drafting exercise - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement) Assessment Work product submission for review by the teacher - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement) 	How are students using/applying content? • Drafting of case argument material in pursuit of developing an evidence based position in a case	
 Closure Teacher reviews criteria they will be looking for in the assignment, to be discussed the next day when assignments are returned - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement) 		
Objective 3 - Segment #2 Time - 1 hour (*Broken up as mentioned in the document below)	How are students being engaged? • Question and answer activities put students in	See links above
<u>Opening/Sponge/Motivator</u>	the shoes of a legal professional and	

 Review of critiques on the prior day's work product. Teacher displays submitted Q&A's on the overhead to critique and compliment. Full details covered in teacher supplement) Activity Direct Exam Q&A drafting exercise - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement) Assessment Work product submission for review by the teacher - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement) Closure Teacher reviews criteria they will be looking for in the assignment, to be discussed the next day when assignments are returned - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement) 	engages their professional interest How are students using/applying content? • Drafting of case argument material in pursuit of developing an evidence based position in a case	
Objective 3 - Segment #3 Time - 1 hour (*Broken up as mentioned in the document below) Opening/Sponge/Motivator Review of critiques on the prior day's work product. Teacher displays submitted Q&A's on the overhead to critique and compliment. Full details covered in teacher supplement) Activity	How are students being engaged? • Cross examination activities help students see the other side of the argument and helps their motivation to strengthen their positions	See links above

 Cross Exam Q&A drafting exercise - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement) Assessment Work product submission for review by the teacher - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement) 	How are students using/applying content? • Case argument development applies knowledge of how to analyze a case and develop legal arguments	
 Closure Teacher reviews criteria they will be looking for in the assignment, to be discussed the next day when assignments are returned - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement) 	argamento	
Objective 3 - Segment #4 Time - 1 hour (*Broken up as mentioned in the document below) Opening/Sponge/Motivator Review of critiques on the prior day's work product. Teacher displays submitted Q&A's on the overhead to critique and compliment. Full details covered in teacher supplement)	How are students being engaged? • Cross examination activities help students see the other side of the argument and helps their motivation to strengthen their positions	See links above
Activity ■ Cross Exam Q&A drafting exercise - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement) Assessment	How are students using/applying content? • Case argument development applies knowledge of how to	

analyze a case and

Assessment

 Work product submission for review by the teacher - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement) Closure Teacher reviews criteria they will be looking for in the assignment, to be discussed the next day when assignments are returned - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement) 	develop legal arguments	
Objective 4 - Segment #1 Time - 1 hour (*Broken up as described in the document below) Opening/Sponge/Motivator • Exhibit exploration - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement) Activity • Evidence activity - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement) Assessment • Evaluation of introducing evidence activity - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement) Closure • Presentation of evidence introduction and discussion/feedback - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement)	How are students being engaged? • Students engage with exhibits to provide a more in-depth view of the case and encourage deeper thought about case arguments How are students using/applying content? • Students attempt to use and introduce evidence to prove a position	 Introducing evidence handout Impeachment handout Objection overview handout Teacher supplement Student computers & Overhead projector for teacher

Objective 4 - Segment #2	How are students being	 See links above
Time - 1 hour (*Broken up as described in the	engaged?	
document below)	Students practice with	
,	one another to	
Opening/Sponge/Motivator	challenge their	
 Impeachment demonstration and introduction - 	understanding of how to	
(review step x step instructions in the <i>teacher</i> supplement)	use case materials	
	How are students	
<u>Activity</u>	using/applying content?	
 Practice impeachment activity - (review step x 	Students attempt to	
step instructions in the teacher supplement)	impeach a witness to	
	sharpen their	
Assessment	communication and	
 Completed impeachment evaluation - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement) 	legal argument skills	
Closure		
Impeachment presentation and		
discussion/feedback - (review step x step		
instructions in the <i>teacher supplement</i>)		
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Objective 4 - Segment #3	How are students being	See links above
Time - 1 hour (*Broken up as described in the	engaged?	
document below)	Students practice with	
	one another to	
<u>Opening/Sponge/Motivator</u>	challenge their	
 Objection overview introduction - (review step x 	understanding of how to	
step instructions in the teacher supplement)	use case materials.	
	Students are also	
<u>Activity</u>	engaged with the same	

 Practice objection application activity - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement)

Assessment

 Completed objection activity evaluation -(review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement)

Closure

 Volunteers present and receive feedback, plus teacher reviews final submission expectations -(review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement) rules that attorneys follow.

How are students using/applying content?

 Students apply their knowledge of objections to an analysis of case materials

Objective 5 - Segment #1

<u>Time</u> - 1 hour (*Broken up as described in the document below)

Opening/Sponge/Motivator

• Legal document exploration - (review step x step instructions in the <u>teacher supplement</u>)

Activity

 Document analysis - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement)

<u>Assessment</u>

 Helpful/Harmful analysis assessment - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement)

How are students being engaged?

 Students are challenged to differentiate helpful and harmful information and discuss this with peers. The challenge of seeing both sides of a position keeps their argumentative nature active.

How are students using/applying content?

 Students apply their knowledge of case materials to a document analysis activity

- Mock Trial case document
- Helpful/Harmful analysis assignment
- Case Builder activity
- Teacher supplement
- Student computers & Overhead projector for teacher

Closure

 Sharing of work product and review of assignment requirements for submission - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement) 		
Objective 5 - Segment #2 Time - 1 hour (*Broken up as described in the document below) Opening/Sponge/Motivator • Legal document exploration - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement) Activity • Document analysis activity - Helpful/Harmful	How are students being engaged? • Students are challenged to differentiate helpful and harmful information and discuss this with peers. The challenge of seeing both sides of a position keeps their argumentative nature	See links above
focus - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement)	active. How are students	
 Assessment Evaluation of Helpful/Harmful analysis assignment - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement) 	 using/applying content? Students apply their knowledge of case materials to a document analysis activity 	
 Closure Sharing of work product and review of assignment requirements for submission - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement) 		
Objective 5 - Segment #3 Time - 1 hour (*Broken up as described in the document below)	How are students being engaged? • Students engage in debate activities and	See links above

Opening/Sponge/Motivator

• Document based debate - (review step x step instructions in the *teacher supplement*)

Activity

 Case builder activity submission - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement)

Assessment

 Submission of completed case builder assignment - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement)

Closure

 Sharing of work product and review of assignment requirements for submission -(review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement) take ownership of building case evidence

How are students using/applying content?

 Students compile information from across documents to build case information into an organized planner

Objective 6 - Segment #1

<u>Time</u> - 1 hour (*Broken up as described in the document below)

Opening/Sponge/Motivator

 Opening statement exploration - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement)

<u>Activity</u>

• Opening/Closing drafting - (review step x step instructions in the *teacher supplement*)

Assessment

How are students being engaged?

 Students take leadership in planning an opening/closing and they can work on this with peers to help challenge their creativity and stretch their communication and analysis skills

How are students using/applying content?

- Mock trial case packet
- Opening and closing handout
- <u>Teacher supplement</u>
- Student computers & Overhead projector for teacher

 Formative evaluation of current progress - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement) Closure Submit current draft for feedback - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement) 	Students develop their own personal opening/closing that applies to a class case	
Objective 6 - Segment #2 Time - 1 hour (*Broken up as described in the document below) Opening/Sponge/Motivator Review progress from the prior day, and volunteer sharing - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement) Activity Complete Opening/Closing drafting - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement)	How are students being engaged? ■ Students take leadership in planning an opening/closing and they can work on this with peers to help challenge their creativity and stretch their communication and analysis skills How are students using/applying content?	See links above
Students submit completed videos - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement) Closure Students finish recording videos for final submission - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement)	Students develop their own personal opening/closing that applies to a class case	

Objective 7 - Segment #1

<u>Time</u> - 1 hour (*Broken up as described in the document below)

Opening/Sponge/Motivator

 Mock trial steps review - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement)

<u>Activity</u>

 Presentation practice - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement)

Assessment

 Assessment occurs the following day - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement)

Closure

 Review expectations for presentations - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement)

How are students being engaged?

 Students present or record a case presentation. Students will also be placed in the role of jurors to help them see and evaluate the case from a different perspective.

How are students using/applying content?

 Students compile their understanding of the case thus far into a coherent case presentation that is fact & evidence based

- Mock Trial Concepts handout
- <u>Case development rubric</u> considerations
- <u>Teacher supplement</u>
- Student computers & Overhead projector for teacher

Objective 7 - Segment #2

<u>Time</u> - 1 hour (*Broken up as described in the document below)

Opening/Sponge/Motivator

 Review trial steps and voting requirements -(review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement)

How are students being engaged?

 Students present or record a case presentation. Students will also be placed in the role of jurors to help them see and evaluate the case from a different perspective. See links above

Activity

 Presentation of the case and submission of any written/video assignments - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement)

Assessment

 Evaluation of the case project - (review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement)

Closure

 Voting and feedback about presentations -(review step x step instructions in the teacher supplement)

How are students using/applying content?

 Students compile their understanding of the case thus far into a coherent case presentation that is fact and evidence based

PLC Question Three: What will we do when students have not learned?

Interventions

- Pair students with peer tutors
- Provide examples of exemplary work products
- After school meetings

PLC Question Four: What will we do when students have learned?

Enrichment

- See this <u>enrichment document</u> containing options for students that have participated in one or more mock trial lessons before taking this course. Most students will benefit from completing the section plans exactly as they are written, however, the teacher may use discernment to decide when to provide lesson adjustments for students who may benefit from additional enrichment.
- Designate a student a case leader who rotates to groups of students and assists them with completing assignments
- Challenge students to take on a role they are unfamiliar with in a trial

Additional Information Related to the Course Section:

N/A

SkillsUSA Connection(s):

This is connected to the SkillsUSA Trial Skills Area

Notes:

N/A

Pacing from a comprehensive high school with 90 minute block class periods: