Trial Practice and Procedure
Professor Goldwasser & Adjunct Professors

• Course Materials and How to Obtain Them. The text is T. Mauet's Trial Techniques (6th ed. 2002). You will also need a separate copy of the Federal Rules of Evidence. (Although there is a version of the FRE in the Mauet book, it does not contain any of the legislative history and so really is not adequate.) In addition, there is a course binder containing some general course materials (a Week-by-Week Topic Schedule, a Course Syllabus, and a Course Information & Requirements handout); a set of Assignment Memoranda (No.'s 1 -12), many with attachments; a set of Practice Exercises for several of the Monday classes; and the case files that we will be using in the course.

The Mauet book may be purchased at the bookstore (a used copy will work fine if you can find one); the course binder is available for purchase here at the law school. To buy the binder, you should first pay for it in the Business Office (Room 210) and then take your receipt to Room 301 to pick it up.

Some of the course binders contain unsold copies of the case files left over from last year (the result of an ordering snafu). These binders are available at a small discount. The only difference between last year’s version and this year’s is that last year, several of the case files were bound together in a single book, while this year, each case file is separate. (Two pages of one of the case files also did not print properly in last year’s book, but separate replacement pages are provided.) This discounted version will be made available on a first-come, first-served basis (students will have the option of buying it, although of course need not do so) until they are gone.

• First Class. The first "classroom session" (for all students in the class) will be held on Monday, August 21 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Adjunct classes (eight students and one or two adjunct professors) will meet for the first time on Thursday, August 24 at 6:00 p.m. The adjunct classes on the 24th will be introductory sessions and probably will not last more than an hour; ordinarily, however, adjunct classes will meet from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. An adjunct class list (a list telling who is in which class where the classes meet) will be posted before the first scheduled meeting.

• Assignment. In Monday’s class we will go over some "housekeeping" matters and then will talk some about trial planning and preparation and case analysis. The assignment for this first session (there is no assignment for the first adjunct class) is as follows:

- Read Mauet Ch.I; Ch.II; Ch.XI §§11.1-11.9, 11.16 (pp.1-29, 499-511, 526-39)
- Read attachment to Assignment Memorandum No.3 ("Let Me Tell You a Story")
- Skim Mauet Ch.XI §§11.10-11.15, 11.17 (pp.511-26, 539-40)
- Read instructions for and be prepared to participate in Practice Exercises: Warm-Up (in binder, on colored paper)