

FINAL TRIAL INFORMATION
TRIAL LAW & ADVOCACY
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1. The final assignment is based on the case files included in the supplement that came with your textbook. This is the same set of files from which State v. Hunter and Kesler v. Burnside came
2. Each case file has instructions in the front for conducting a full trial without experts. we will follow those instructions, with one exception -- you may NOT call additional witnesses other than those you are assigned to call.
3. Each student may prepare and conduct their portion of the trial on the assumption that all plausibly admissible evidence will be admitted. Your closing argument may refer to anything in the case file that you think would actually have been admitted. Thus, if you are doing closing argument, you are not bound by the evidence actually elicited by your trial partner.
4. Each student has been assigned a date, time, and side of the case, plus a specific direct and cross examination. You can find a link to that list from either the syllabus or the class home page. You must come to the final trial prepared to do either an opening or a closing. You will not find out which you are assigned to do until the start of the trial.
5. Everyone has also been assigned a witness role. With respect to role playing, the student conducting the direct examination is responsible for finding someone to play the witness, supplying them with a copy of the case file, and prepping them for trial. The student in the class assigned to be that witness is a logical choice, but you are not required to use them and may pick a spouse or someone from outside the class. The person need not be a law student. You will want to pick someone who will be willing to rehearse the direct examination with you.
6. Your work must be your own individual work. You may share exhibits and discuss the facts of the case file together, but your preparation of a theory and other parts of the trial must be done individually. You may NOT prepare a joint case theory with your trial partner. This is a final exam.
7. Your friends and family are invited to attend your final trial and to sit in the jury box.
8. You may watch your fellow students perform their trials, as long as it is a different case file from the one you are using.