

University of Georgia School of Law  
**ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM**  
Fall Semester 2017  
**‘OneL’ Series**

\* All sessions will meet on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. in Room J

- August 16                      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 provide tips specific to each of your first-year subjects and alert you to unfamiliar terminology, legal doctrines, and principles that cut across all of your courses.
- August 23                      Beyond the (Case) Brief – What Are You Actually Supposed to be Getting from All of This?
- What is the end game 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.
- August 30                      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 6                      Success in Law School – Student Panel Discussion
- Not long ago, those 2Ls and 3Ls you pass in the halls sat right where you are sitting. In this session, several of them will share what worked and what didn’t for them, as well as provide advice on how to balance life in law school with life outside law school.
- September 13                      Writing Workshop Series – Session 1: “Cut the Junk”
- There’s no room for “junk” in good legal writing. As the due date for your first Legal Writing assignment approaches, this workshop will focus on breaking bad habits that can interfere with clean, clear writing (and might just make it easier to stay within the word limit!).

- September 20                   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 27                   Writing Workshop Series – Session 2: Everything You Think You Know (But Are Afraid You Don't . . . ) About Punctuation
- Lawyers are professional writers and cannot afford to let punctuation mistakes undercut their credibility. This session will help you spot and correct the most common punctuation problems that crop up in legal writing.
- October 4                        Writing Workshop Series – Session 3: Everything You Think You Know (But Are Afraid You Don't . . . ) About Grammar
- Same as above, but this time the focus will be on common grammatical errors in legal writing.
- October 18                     Exam-Taking Series –Session 1: Spotting & Framing the Issues
- This session will focus on unearthing and framing issues and sub-issues in essay exam questions, and on organizing those issues for maximum points.
- October 25                     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 1                     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 15                   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.