

Academic Success Program

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▶ Continuing Orientation – August to November 2024

- **8/20 Case Briefing**
 - **Tuesday** at 12:00pm (Room 2401)
- **8/27 Notetaking & Outlining for Exams**
 - **Tuesday** at 12:00pm (Room 2402)
- **9/10 Legal Analysis & Diverse Approaches to Reasoning**
 - **Tuesday** at 12:00pm (Room 2402)
- **9/24 Preparing for Midterms**
 - **Tuesday** at 12:00pm (Room 2402)
- **10/15 1L Info: The Bar Exam and the NextGen Exam**
 - **Tuesday** at 12:00pm (Room 2402)
- **10/28 Disruptive Lawyering: Changing the Law**
 - **Monday** at 12:00pm (Room 2402)
- **11/12 Study Aids & Practice Exam Questions**
 - **Tuesday** at 12:00pm (Room 2402)
- **11/19 Get Ready for Final Exams**
 - **Tuesday** at 12:00pm (Room 2402)

▶ Course Tutors/TA's – Tutoring & Reviews

- Arranged by tutors (Contracts, Criminal Law, Torts, ELA)

▶ Study Strategies – Tutoring for 1L Study Strategies

- Email Academic Success Program kaimowitz@law.unm.edu

▶ Beth Kaimowitz, Director, Academic Success Program

- **Office Hours**
 - Student & Career Services, Suite 2502 (Office 2502C)
 - Tuesdays 4:00-5:00pm
 - Thursday 4:00-5:00pm
- **Law Library Office Hours**
 - Room 1328
 - Wednesdays 2:30pm-4:30pm
- **Individual Appointments**
 - Email Beth Kaimowitz kaimowitz@law.unm.edu

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Before You Read for Law School: Identifying the Legal Issues

- ▶ Look to the Table of Contents
- ▶ Look to the Chapter & Section headings
- ▶ Look to the language of the case:
 - The question presented is...
 - Appellant claimed that...
- ▶ Read the introductory material
- ▶ Identify main issues and sub-issues

Thinking & Writing: a Case Brief

- ▶ Heading / name / citation
- ▶ Procedural history
- ▶ Facts of the case
- ▶ *Issue* / question
- ▶ *Rule* / answer (general rule)
- ▶ *Analysis* / reasoning (facts, rules, logic, policies)
- ▶ *Conclusion* / holding (specific answer)