

First Assignments - Fall 2011

BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS (SECTION 11) - HARRIS

For the first day of class, please review *Gorton v. Doty* and *Reading v. Regem*.

BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS (SECTION 12) – CABRERA PIERRE-LOUIS

Section 1 - 2:

Please read through the *Morris Oil Co. v. Rainbow Oilfield trucking, Inc.* case.

CIVIL PROCEDURE – LAUGHLIN

Required Texts

Subrin, Minow, Brodin, Main, *Civil Procedure - Doctrine, Practice, and Context*, Third Edition (Aspen Publishers, 2008).

Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (LexisNexis 2011-12 ed.).

Reading Assignments

Class #1: What Students Should Know From the Start: Case Book 1-10; and Practice Exercise 1 (pg. 68 of CB).

Class #2: An Opening Case: The Power and Limits of Courts: Case Book 10-19.

Computer Use

**No personal computers may be used during the class period.

CIVIL PROCEDURE (SECTION 12) FIRST READING ASSIGNMENT – K. SCHAFFZIN

Class One

INTRODUCTION

What do you imagine might be covered in a class called “Civil Procedure”? What sort of clients do you think should be concerned that their lawyers understand procedure? Why do we have procedure? How did procedure affect the litigation in *A Civil Action*?

Assignment: Read *A Civil Action* by Jonathan Harr. The book reads like a novel. Just enjoy your first read through it. Don’t worry about how the book will apply to the course. We will return to portions of the book throughout the semester.

Read the Introductions to *A Documentary Companion to A Civil Action*.

Enroll in my class on Lexis’s Blackboard Webcourse.

Read my Syllabus posted on Blackboard.

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW – MULROY

Please register on TWEN.

Print out and review the Course Ground Rules, Syllabus, and Constitution Digest from “Course Materials,” and bring them to class. Prepare the materials from I.A and I.B on the Syllabus.

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW - SHAPIRO

Text, pages 1-11 end of note 3

CONTRACTS I - HARRIS

For the first day of class, please review *Leonard v. Pepsico* (page 257), *Embry v. Hargadine, McKittrick Dry Goods Co.* (page 227), and *Lucy v. Zehmer*(page 229).

CONTRACTS – MAMYLUK

INTRODUCTION

- Read: Introduction to Contract Law: Chapter 1 (read entire Table of Contents to page 20)
- Be prepared to discuss Problem 1-1

COPYRIGHT - JONES

Please register for the course site on TWEN. Course information and a syllabus are available on the site. **For the first class on Tuesday, August 23:** In the casebook (Julie E. Cohen, *et al.*, *Copyright in a Global Information Economy* (3rd ed. 2010)) read Chapter 1, pages 3 through 37 (top) and skim pages 37 (bottom) to 39.

DEBTOR/CREDITOR – JUDGE LATTA

Room 230, Monday, August 22, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

Warren and Westbrook, *The Law of Debtors and Creditors*, Sixth Edition (2009)
West, *Bankruptcy Code, Rules and Forms* (2011 ed.)

Warren, pp. 23-28. Prepare Problem Set 1, pp. 28-31. A copy of your responses will be turned in at the beginning of class.

Please register for this course on TWEN.

This course will provide brief coverage of state debtor/creditor laws, in-depth coverage of Chapter 7 and 13 of the United States Bankruptcy Code, and limited coverage of business bankruptcy provisions.

You may contact me at jdlatta@memphis.edu.

DECEDENTS' ESTATES - BRASHIER

Please register for the TWEN course. The first assignment will be on TWEN. Your casebook might not be here until the first week of classes. Be sure to bring your clicker to class.

DECEDENTS' ESTATES– CABRERA PIERRE-LOUIS

Chapter 1:

Please read through the *Hodel v. Irving case*.

ELDER LAW CLINIC - HARKNESS

First Orientation Class - Thursday, Aug. 25, 2011, 11:00 a.m – 12:50 p.m. – Legal Clinic Conference Room

Elder Law in Practice/Intro to Clinic Office.

Read Chap. 1, Frolik & Kaplan, ELDER LAW IN A NUTSHELL (5th ed. available in bookstore).

Resources for discussion:

Adams & Morgan, *Representing the Client Who is Older in the Law Office and in the Courtroom*, 2 ELDER L. J. 1 (access on Westlaw).

Morgan, *The Practical Aspects of Practicing Elder Law: Creating an Elder-Friendly Office*, 38 FAM. L. Q. 269 (access on Westlaw).

Elder Law Clinic Manual (access under course materials on TWEN).

ESTATE & GIFT TAX - MURRAH

The assignment for Estate and Gift Taxation for this Tuesday is to read the following paragraphs in Chapters 1, 2 and 3: 1001-1013, 1082, 1103, 1107-1135, 2015 and 3001-3019.

EVIDENCE SEMINAR - LAUGHLIN

First assignment for the Advance Evidence Seminar is:

Required Text: Conley, Moriarty "Scientific and Expert Evidence" 2nd ed.
pages 1-55

FAMILY LAW - BLACK

Tuesday, August 23, 2011 – From Chapter 1 of the Oliphant and VerSteegh text, read pages 3 - 9 and pages 16.5 - 21. Answer Chapter Problems 1 and 3. Read T.C.A. §36-3-401.

Thursday, August 25, 2011 – From Chapter 2 of the text, read pages 23 - 44. Answer Chapter Problems 1, 3 and 5. Read T.C.A §36-3-101 and T.C.A. §36-3-113.

FEDERAL DISCRIMINATION SEMINAR - MULROY

Pick up your course packet from Karol Landers. Prepare the materials under the Introduction tab, including the writing exercise.

INCOME TAXATION - KRATZKE

Sign up for TWEN.

At the TWEN site for Basic Income Tax, find chapter 1 and chapter 2. For the first day of class, read and be prepared to discuss both. I intend to post materials in both WordPerfect and pdf formats. Take your choice.

LABOR RELATIONS LAW - LIDGE

The attendance policy will be in effect the first day of class.

Assignment for Monday, August 22: CB 1-2 (skim only), 2-4 (read), 4-18 (skim only); read National Labor Relations Act §§ 1, 7, 8(a) and (b).

Assignment for Wednesday, August 24: Read CB 25-39.

We will have two-25 minute makeup classes on Thursday, August 25 and Thursday, Sept. 8 from 12:25-12:50 pm. Attendance will be taken at makeups.

LEGAL DRAFTING - LITIGATION - CHAMBLISS

First Class Assignment:

Students should read *The Buffalo Creek Disaster* diligently. The material will not be discussed in class until later in the semester. But, it would be good to get started. At the latest, students should have read Part I (pp. 1-97) of this book by September 7, Part II (pp. 101-197) by October 12, and Part III (pp. 201-303) by November 3.

The following material will be covered in class on August 24:

Wydick, Ch. 1. Why Plain English and Johns, Ch. 2 Professional Writing for Lawyers
Students should also read the Preface in Dessem and Chapter 15, pages 639 to the top of page 652. The course title is "Legal Drafting: Litigation Drafting" but we will begin our study of *Pretrial Litigation* with discussion of Alternative Dispute Resolution. Please note that we will not discuss the Exercises on pages 652 - 653 and these will not be covered in class.

LEGAL METHODS - ORIENTATION / ORIENTATION CLASS - WILSON

Orientation (Introduction to LM):

- Read the Legal Methods Rules of Policy & Procedure (TWEN/General Course Materials)

Orientation (Class):

- Read Chapter 1 in the Romantz/Vinson text
- Read Appendix A and Chapters 1.2, 3.1, and 3.2 in the Nuemann text (be prepared to discuss Exercises I and II in Ch. 3)
- Complete the CALI: Anatomy of a Case exercise (follow instructions posted on TWEN)

*Students should have all assigned materials available to them during class.

PARTNERSHIP TAX - KRATZKE

In the Lind, Schwarz, et al text, read and be prepared to discuss chapter 1. This includes both cases and problems. After chapter 1, we will move on to chapter 2, etc.

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY - LIDGE

The attendance policy will be in effect the first day of class.

Assignment for Monday, August 22: Read Regan's Calendar (obtain from Cheryl Edwards in Room 373). Think about what your own answers would be. Do not attempt to find the correct answer under the Model Rules. In addition, read Casebook, pages 8-11.

In the first month or so, read through the ABA Model Rules.

PROPERTY I - BRASHIER

For our first class, please read pages 1-18 (up to "Acquisition by Capture") in the casebook. Be sure to bring your clicker to class.

PROPERTY I – KIEL

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Who Owns the Watch? (TWEN)
Course Syllabus

8/23/11

Jacque v. Steenberg Homes, Inc. (TWEN) EDIT FURTHER FOR 2011
State v. Shack (TWEN) EDIT FURTHER FOR 2011

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First Possession: Capture
Pierson v. Post, including notes 2 - 4 (p. 18)
Ghen v. Rich (p. 26)
Problems #1 and 3 (p. 33)
Notes, Questions and Problems, 1-3 (p. 36 – 39)

REMEDIES - KIEL

Sign Up for the Course on TWEN, where all assignments will be posted.

TORTS I—SECTION 11-MCCLURG

First Assignments/Course Instructions

1. Pick up a copy from the box outside my office (Room 372) of the **Supplemental Materials for Torts I (SM)**.
2. Register for the Torts I, Section 11 TWEN site.
3. Read pp. 1-13 of the SM. Pay close attention to the **The Ten Commandments of Torts**, which sets forth classroom policies regarding preparation, punctuality, attendance, and computer use that you need to know. You will be held strictly to these policies. **The Ten Commandments of Torts** is also downloadable from my TWEN site under “Course Materials.”
4. On the TWEN site under “Course Materials,” read the **Computer Use Policy and Agreement** you will be required to sign and abide by if you wish to use a computer in class to take notes.
5. Complete the **Student Questionnaire** and bring it to the first class. The questionnaire is included as pp. 6-7 of the SM and is also downloadable from my TWEN site under “Course Materials.”

• Required Books

PROSSER, WADE & SCHWARTZ’S TORTS: CASE AND MATERIALS (Foundation Press 12th ed. 2010). Make sure you buy the 12th edition. Earlier editions cannot be used.

• Recommended Books

ANDREW J. MCCLURG, 1L OF A RIDE: A WELL-TRAVELED PROFESSOR’S ROADMAP TO SUCCESS IN THE FIRST YEAR OF LAW SCHOOL (West 2009)

• Reading Assignments for the First Week of Class

Tuesday: SM pp. 1-13; casebook pp. iv-v and 1-10 (but omit *Weaver v. Ward*).

Wednesday: casebook pp. 17-20.

Friday: casebook p. 23 n.4 and pp. 24-25 (*Ranson v. Kitner* only; stop at *McGuire v. Almy*).

DO NOT COME TO CLASS LATE OR UNPREPARED.

TORTS I – SECTION 12 - ALLEN

(Tues) Introduction (xxxv-xlvi)
Vosburg v. Putney (pg 1-3)
Garratt v. Dailey (posted on TWEN)

(Wed) Pgs. 3-11.n.12

(Fri) Pgs. 11-20.n.1
Tennessee shoplifting statute (posted on TWEN)

TRIAL ADVOCACY (SECTION 11-13) – K. SCHAFFZIN

For Trial Advocacy section 11-13, students should enroll in Professor Schaffzin's Lexis Blackboard Webcourse where the assignments will be posted.