



Lawyering Fundamentals Welcome Letter

Dear Student,

Congratulations on your acceptance into the University of Memphis, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law. Training to become a lawyer is a very exciting undertaking. We are excited to have partnered with the University of Memphis, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law to provide you with an intensive, three-day course in Lawyering Fundamentals as part of your Orientation program. Barbri is very pleased to play a small part (through *Lawyering Fundamentals*) in laying a foundation on which others will build during the rest of your legal training.

Overview

Lawyering Fundamentals (LF) simulates the first semester of law school. It includes daily classes during which you will be questioned on the assigned reading, answer law school exam-style questions, and receive helpful strategies for success in law school. You will also sit for a final exam at the conclusion of LF. Although the exam does not count for law school credit, it will be a tool to help us and you assess your performance to assist you in achieving your potential. However, most importantly, the course will help demystify some of the law school teaching methods to help you acclimate and succeed. Consider LF the first step of your legal training!

Preparation

LF requires the same effort that will be expected of you in law school - but don't worry, it will be worth it! Like preparing a good meal or building a meaningful relationship—your enjoyment of it and the outcome will be equal to the effort and attention you put into it.

Pre-Class Assignments

You will need to complete 12 items **prior to the first day of Lawyering Fundamentals on Wednesday, August 10, 2016**. We have suggested a time limit for each item, and we even tell you when you can skim a document. Please pace yourself so that you can complete everything. You will need to spend just under 5 hours to complete everything thoroughly.

1. Read: Course Syllabus (10 minutes)
2. Read: Learning Fundamentals Learning Outcomes (15 minutes)
3. Read **and brief** the following Intentional Torts cases—Intent (p.17-30) (two and a half hours)
 - *Garratt v. Daily*
 - *Spivey v. Battaglia*
 - *Ranson v. Kitner*
 - *McGurie v. Amy*
 - *Talmage v. Smith*
4. Read: FAQ on Legal Reading (10 minutes)
5. Read: FAQ Case Briefing (15 minutes)
6. Read: Preparing Yourself for Learning in the Socratic Classroom (15 minutes)
7. Skim: Case Briefing Cheat Sheet (10 minutes)
8. Skim: Sample Case Brief (15 minutes)
9. Skim: Glossary of Legal Terms (15 minutes)
10. Complete: Reflection Entry #1 (20 minutes)
11. Complete: Writing Sample—the Fruit Problem (30-45 minutes)
12. Complete: Pre-class Evaluation (20 minutes)

The course will be challenging, but as you know, nothing worthwhile is ever easy.

Again, welcome to law school! We can't wait to meet you and get started!

Sincerely,

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