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Sandra Day O'Connor Inn of Court (11)

6202-11 Contracts Schooner

6206-11 Torts Schoenbaum

FIRST DAY READING ASSIGNMENT

The required text for your torts course is Ward Farnsworth & Mark F. Grady, Torts: Cases and Questions (3d ed. 2019). Before our first class, please read pages xxvii to xxx (section 1), xxxiii to xxxvii (section 3), and xxxvii to xxxix (section 4) of the introduction (the remainder of the introduction is optional), and pages 1 to 3 (to the end of note 1). Please read the Vosberg v. Putney case with particular attention.

6212-1A and 1B Civil Procedure Berman


FIRST DAY READING ASSIGNMENT

Welcome to Law School!

Dear Students:
I’m excited to work with you as your professor for Civil Procedure during your first semester here at GW Law. Although the course will be online, rest assured we will have lots of interaction, and I will do everything I can to make the course stimulating and even, dare I say it, fun! To that end, here are some things you need to know in order to make the class go smoothly and to allow you to get the most out of it.

**Assignment for First Class**

Prior to our first class session together, please read the syllabus for the course and come to class prepared to discuss the Honor Code hypothetical described in the Course Introduction section. The syllabus will be posted on the portal in early August.

Also, please note that one of the assigned texts, *The Buffalo Creek Disaster,* by Gerald Stern, should be read in its entirety before the first class session. Although that sounds daunting, the book is quite short and reads like a novel (though it is a story of an actual case), so I think you’ll find it pretty easy to complete the assignment, particularly if you begin now.

**Class Session Expectations**

I want you all to be able to see each other and to get to know each other in our virtual classroom. The course will be very interactive, so being able to connect with each other is key.

Therefore, you should be prepared to attend all class sessions via a webcam if at all possible. If for some reason you need to have your camera off for a specific session please let me know in advance. You should also plan to attend from a quiet location with stable internet service, appear with a non-distracting background, and otherwise refrain from engaging in behavior (e.g., eating dinner, lounging in bed, using a treadmill) that would be inappropriate in a residential classroom. If you do not have a non-distracting background, you can use a virtual background.

In addition, I want you all to be part of the virtual classroom and looking at the screen the entire time. So, I strongly encourage you to purchase a webcam to attach to the top of your computer (they are not very expensive, and there is no casebook to purchase for this course so you will be saving money on reading materials). Also, you should either print out the casebook materials we will be referencing or have a second
screen with those materials on it, so you are not toggling back and forth between the virtual classroom and
the reading. Finally, you should have headphones or airpods or some such, with a microphone, so that
everyone will be able to see and hear well.

If any of these logistical arrangements pose a problem for you please send me an email, and we can figure
out how best to accommodate your circumstances.

See you soon!
Professor Paul Schiff Berman

6212-1C Civil Procedure Siegel
Required: Friedenthal, Miller, Sexton, & Hershkoff, Civil Procedure: Cases and Materials (12th ed.). West
Academic Publishing. ISBN 9781634605847
Friedenthal, Miller, Sexton, & Hershkoff, 2020-2021 Civil Procedure Supplement. West Academic
Publishing. ISBN 9781684679706

FIRST DAY READING ASSIGNMENT
Welcome to Civil Procedure. Before our first class, please get the syllabus, which will be available on my
website, www.jsiegel.net. Then get the casebook and other required materials and do the first assignment as
listed in the syllabus. See you soon, Jon Siegel.

6216-ALL Fundamentals of Lawyering I Staff
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Thurgood Marshall Inn of Court (12)

6202-12 Contracts


**FIRST DAY READING ASSIGNMENT**

Assignment for Monday, August 17:

1. Access and read the syllabus and Week 1 Lesson Plan to be posted on the class portal, and complete the Google Form called First Week Survey (linked on the Week 1 Lesson Plan);
2. Read pp. 1-4 and 5-18 in Problems in Contract Law: Cases and Materials by Knapp, Crystal, and Prince (9th ed. 2019) ("KCP" on the syllabus) and Restatement (Second) ("R2d" on the syllabus) §§ 1, 17 (in any rules supplement, including the one provided on the class portal);
3. Watch (or re-watch) the external video linked on the Week 1 Lesson Plan, and contemplate its marvels as a matter of contract law.

6206-12 Torts


**Recommenved:** Fischl and Paul, Getting to Maybe (Carolina Academic Press, 1999),
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FIRST DAY READING ASSIGNMENT

The course syllabus and a packet of Supplementary Materials are available on the Web Portal. Please be sure to read all the material in the introductory sections of the syllabus which specify a number of important course policies.

I have also posted a separate document covering some basic aspects of how we will conduct class via a “distance-learning” model. Much of this material may be similar to what you experienced in the spring if you were a full-time student last semester, but I would encourage you to review it carefully as I am likely planning to do things a bit differently than you may have experienced with other instructors or at other schools.

For our first meeting on Wednesday, August, 19, 2020, please read pages 3-4, 19-31 and 8-10 (in that order) of the Dobbs, Hayden & Bublick book (the big, charcoal gray volume).

While reading Van Kamp v. McAfoos, please consider the following questions: Why did Marianne Van Kamp lose her case? Did her lawyer make a mistake? Is the outcome in the case fair and just?

6212-2A Civil Procedure


FIRST WEEK ASSIGNMENT

Please visit the course MyLaw portal and read, very carefully, the document entitled Important Course Information. Then read the substantive materials below in preparation for class discussion.

Day 1:
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Freer, Perdue & Effron, Civil Procedure pp. 3-22
The Buffalo Creek Disaster Prologue & Part One
The Buffalo Creek Handout (BCD) Posted in folder “Intro”

Day 2:
The Buffalo Creek Disaster Part Two

Day 3:
The Buffalo Creek Disaster Part Three & Epilogue

Course Discussion Forum
Please visit the Course Discussion Forum and, by no later than August 19 at noon ET, answer the questions posted there.

I am looking forward to our first class on August 17!

6212-2B Civil Procedure Smith P
ISBN: 9781634605847

FIRST DAY READING ASSIGNMENT
For Tuesday, August 18, please carefully read pages 1-29 in FRIEDENTHAL, MILLER, SEXTON & HERSHKOFF, CIVIL PROCEDURE (12th ed.) and Article III of the U.S. Constitution at page 186 in FRIEDENTHAL, MILLER, SEXTON & HERSHKOFF, 2020-2021 CIVIL PROCEDURE SUPPLEMENT. Please pay particular attention to Capron v. Van Noorden on page 28 in the casebook.

For Wednesday, August 19, and Thursday, August 20, please be prepared to discuss pages 77-91 in FRIEDENTHAL ET AL., CIVIL PROCEDURE.
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The syllabus is available on the web portal.

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**Required:**  

**Optional:**  

**6216-ALL Fundamentals of Lawyering I**  
*Staff*

**Required:**  
Robert Jackson Inn of Court (13)

6202-13 Contracts

Burton & Eisenberg, *Contract Law, Selected Source Materials Annotated*.

Notes: (1) A new edition of this book is published every year but any edition of this book is usable for my course. It does not have to be the 2020 edition. (2) The 2020 edition is not yet available. (3) The ISBN for the 2019 edition was 9781642429305.

**FIRST DAY READING ASSIGNMENT**
For the first class, in the Farnsworth casebook, please read: Text, pp. 48-51; Hamer v. Sidway, pp. 53-57; Note (1), p. 57; Note (4), pp. 58-59; and Text, p. 60. In the Burton & Eisenberg Supplement, please read: Restatement §§ 71(1) & (2), 79(a) & (b).

6206-13 Torts


**FIRST DAY READING ASSIGNMENT**
Please read pp. 1-18 from *Tort Law and Alternatives* (Marc. A. Franklin & Robert L. Rabin eds., 10th ed.).
Be prepared to discuss *Hammontree v. Jenner*. The notes that follow the case are intended to help you think through the opinion. Please read all of them, with special attention to notes 1-4 (pp. 6-8).

As you read the material, think not only about the fine points of the case, but also about some of the overarching policy issues that shape the court’s legal analysis. This case is intended to give you an introduction to some of the procedural aspects of a case as well as an overview of some of the larger themes we will be explore in much more detail over the semester.

*Hammontree v. Jenner* is a demanding case, so read with care. Also be patient with yourselves as you embark on the journey of learning to read and think like a lawyer. Most of you will find that reading for
law school is quite different from the kind of reading you did for your undergraduate careers. It will take time to learn and develop these skills.

6212-3A Civil Procedure Abramowicz

Please check the course portal

FIRST DAY READING ASSIGNMENT
A reading packet will be available on the intranet portal. For the first class, read Pennoyer v. Neff in the reading packet.

6212-3B Civil Procedure Abramowicz

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FIRST DAY READING ASSIGNMENT
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6212-3C Civil Procedure Trangsrud

2020 Statutory Supplement (including FRCP and selections from Title 28 of the United States Code) or latest; ISBN: 9781640020726

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Benjamin Cardozo Inn of Court (14)

6202-14 Contracts


FIRST DAY READING ASSIGNMENT
Welcome to Contracts! For our first class meeting, which will take place on Tuesday, August 18, 2020, the most important thing to read is the course information document available on the class portal. The second most important thing to do is to view the Introduction to Contracts videos available on the portal. (They are further described in the course information document.) In addition, please read the following pages in Knapp, Crystal & Prince, Problems in Contract Law (8th ed. 2016): pages 1-17 and 29-41. This assignment will carry us through our second day. The assignment for day three is to read pages 41-46.

6206-14 Torts


FIRST DAY READING ASSIGNMENT
Reading assignment for the first course session
Please read pp. 1-18 in your casebook, Tort Law and Alternatives (Franklin, Rabin, Green & Geistfeld, 10th ed.), but skip notes 5-8 on pp. 8-9. As with this first assignment, you will not always be assigned every note that follows a case, but please carefully read every note that is actually assigned. The notes that follow the principal cases are intended to help you think through the court’s opinion and examine specific aspects of the cases in greater depth. Also, the notes sometimes explore alternative rules for dealing with the legal issues addressed in the principal case. These differences are not surprising: tort law is mostly a matter of state law, and states often differ in their approaches to torts problems.

Please also read over the short “The Basics of Appellate Courts for Torts Students” handout (on portal), which supplements the important background material provided on pp. 9-18 of your casebook, and look over the handout (also on portal) that includes the verdict form and jury instructions addressed in Hammontree v.
Jenner: Which jury instructions did the trial court reject, and which did it accept? Why? What did the Court of Appeal say about the jury instructions?

6212-4A Civil Procedure

FIRST DAY READING ASSIGNMENT
My first day assignment for Civil Procedure 4A is pages 3 - 22 in the Freer, Perdue and Effron casebook, 8th edition 2020 and Rules 1 (One) and 11 (Eleven) in the statutory and rules supplement.

6212-4B Civil Procedure
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*Students will be required to have a digital copy of the casebook (ConnectedCasebook) along with ConnectedQuizzing (for assessment) and Practice Perfect (for explanation and class discussion). These can be purchased together in a bundle that is available at this url https://www.wklegaledu.com/Bundle-Digital-Glannon-3-CQ-PP. The ISBN# is 9781543829723

*Students will also need to purchase the 2020 Glannon/Civil Procedure Rules Supplement. You can purchase the digital version of that at this url https://www.vitalsource.com/products/civil-procedure-joseph-w-glannon-andrew-m-v9781543822403?term=9781543822403

FIRST DAY READING ASSIGNMENT
Item 1 on the syllabus.

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Louis Brandeis Inn of Court (15)

6202-15 Contracts Fairfax


FIRST DAY READING ASSIGNMENT
Pages 5-8 from the Casebook: Knapp, Crystal and Prince, Problems in Contract Law, 9th ed (Aspen)

6206-21 Torts Turley


6212-21 Civil Procedure Morrison A


FIRST DAY READING ASSIGNMENT
For the first hour, students should read the problem and the first 6 questions posted in the course portal.

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John Jay Inn of Court (21)

6206-21 Torts Turley

6212-21 Civil Procedure Morrison A

FIRST DAY READING ASSIGNMENT
For the first hour, students should read the problem and the first 6 questions posted in the course portal.

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