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INITIAL CLASS ASSIGNMENTS FOR FALL 2007

This newsletter contains initial class assignments for many Law School courses.

Assignments may also be posted in the glass-enclosed bulletin board on the ground floor **and/or may appear on the Blackboard course site:** <http://blackboard.cornell.edu>

TEXTBOOKS AT THE CORNELL STORE 255-4111; <http://www.store.cornell.edu/>

Textbooks for law courses are available at the Cornell Store
(on Ho Plaza across from Willard Straight Hall)
on the first floor of the store.

You can view and print your booklists at the Cornell Store's web site: <http://www.store.cornell.edu/text>

CORNELL STORE HOURS

Extended Store Hours

Monday, August 20 & Tuesday, August 21: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 22: 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 23 & Friday, August 24: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 25: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 26: Closed

Regular Store Hours (Begin August 27)

Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays: 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (when classes in session)

Saturdays: 12:00 Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Sundays: Closed

FROM PAUL WEBER, DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES
The Law School and BlackBoard system
Fall 2007

BlackBoard is a University supported web site that facilitates course communication and the distribution of course-related electronic documents. BlackBoard has an easy to use interface with many features including email, discussion groups, and electronic drop boxes.

The IT department has developed a BlackBoard site for each Law School course and the titles are in the form of a law prefix with the course number and section number, and the professor's last name [example: law7831-1 (Professor Maypops)]. You can search for all Law courses under the BlackBoard catalog.

BlackBoard accounts have been set up for all law school students. Students can log into BlackBoard using their NetID login and password.

After logging in, students will see a heading on the right side of the window called "My Courses." Under "My Courses" a list of courses for each student who has been admitted will be displayed.

During Add-Drop, we will be populating BlackBoard once a day. This will add students to courses. Unfortunately, due to BlackBoard system limitations, we will not be able to remove students from courses that they have dropped, **until after Add-Drop has ended**. That means two things:

1. if an instructor sends an email to students in a course, students who have dropped that course will still receive the email; and
2. students who have dropped courses will still see them under the "My Courses" heading and will still have access to them. After Add-Drop has completed, we will remove non-enrolled students from BlackBoard course sites.

Please note: not all faculty members use the BlackBoard System. Please consult with your instructor for each course to see if they are using BlackBoard.

If you would like to view the tutorial that was presented as part of the Information Technologies Orientation presentation, go to the Registrar's website: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> and then click on the link for *My Information/BlackBoard*.

FIRST YEAR COURSES

Civil Procedure (DEF)-Holden-Smith

Please pick up a copy of the Course Outline from room 213. You will find the assignment for the first class meeting in the Outline and on the attached assignment sheet.

Civil Procedure (ABC)-Rossi

Course Materials: Course materials which you will use during the year consist of (1) R. Field, B. Kaplan & K. Clermont, *Materials for a Basic Course in Civil Procedure* (9th ed. 2007) - hereinafter “*FKC*,” and (2) *Federal Rules of Civil Procedure* (Foundation Press 2007) - hereinafter “*Rules Pamphlet*.”

Class Assignments: During our first three classes we will cover the material on pp. 2-31 in *FKC*. For the first class on Thursday, August 23, 2007, you should study *FKC* pp. 2-11. For the second class read *FKC* pp. 11-31. For the third class you should review the first two assignments. Thereafter, unless otherwise indicated, you should keep 10 *FKC* pp. ahead of our classroom discussion. You will need to make continual cross-reference to the *Rules Pamphlet*. Whenever there is a reference in class or in your readings to a provision in these materials you will be expected to refer to and read that provision.

Additional Classes: I have scheduled additional classes on Thursday and Friday, August 23 and 24, 2007. Additional classes on these two days will be in Mancuso Amphitheatre (room G90) and will be from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 23 and from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 24. During these two sessions I will give an introductory overview of the litigation process. These two lecture sessions are meant to eliminate some of the inevitable initial confusion and to answer preliminary procedural questions which often plague and distract beginning law students. There is no assignment for these additional classes.

Contracts (ABD)-Hillman

For the first class on August 27, please read pp. 1-12 of Summers and Hillman, *Contract and Related Obligation* (5th. ed. 2006).

Contracts (CEF)- Summers

The required course text is R.S. Summers and Robert A. Hillman, *Contract and Related Obligation: Theory, Doctrine, and Practice*, 5th Edition, 2006. This text is available at the Cornell Campus Bookstore. For the first class meeting, Monday, August 27 at 9:05, Mancuso Amphitheatre (room G90), please read and study and be prepared to discuss the material on pp. 2-12 of the text. You should focus especially closely on the questions posed.

Lawyering (A)-Atlas

No assignment for the first class. For the second class (Friday, August 24), read chapter five of the Neumann text.

Lawyering (D)-Bubl 

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the glass-enclosed bulletin board and Blackboard course site for updated information.

Lawyering (C)-Mollenkamp

Welcome to Cornell Law School. The complete first-day assignment is contained in the syllabus posted on the Blackboard page. Part of that assignment is to read Chapters 1-4 of the Neumann text. Please complete the reading and the rest of the assignment before we meet at 9:05 on August 23.

Lawyering (F)-Mooney

Required texts: Richard K. Neumann, Jr., *Legal Reasoning and Legal Writing: Structure, Strategy and Style* (Aspen Law & Business, 5th ed. 2005), Amy E. Sloan, *Basic Legal Research: Tools and Strategies* (Aspen Law & Business, 3rd ed. 2006), Columbia Law Review Ass'n et al. eds., *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation* (The Harvard Law Review Assn, 18th ed. 2005) Richard C. Wydick, *Plain English for Lawyers* (Carolina Academic Press, 5th ed. 2005). You may be able to purchase used copies of Wydick, Sloan and Neumann. Before the first class, please read Chapters 1 - 4 in Neumann.

Lawyering (E)-Weigold

For the first class, please read: chapter one in Linda H. Edwards, *Legal Writing, Process, Analysis, and Organization* (4th ed. 2006), and chapters one and two in Amy E. Sloan, *Basic Legal Research, Tools and Strategies* (3d ed. 2006).

Lawyering (B)-Whelan

Reading assignment for August 23: Neumann, *Legal Reasoning and Legal Writing*, Chapters 1 (§§1.2-1.5 only), 5. Reading assignment for August 24: Neumann, *Legal Reasoning and Legal Writing*, Chapters 2, 3.

Property (C)-Alexander

For the first class, on Thursday, August 23, please read carefully and be prepared to discuss *Pierson v. Post* and the succeeding Notes, on pp. 17-23, in the casebook, J. Dukeminier, J. Krier, G. Alexander & M. Schill, *Property* 6th ed. (Aspen).

Property (ABD) -Penalver

For our first meeting, please read pp. 3-17 of the Dukeminier casebook. Please consult the course Blackboard site for future assignments and to download the syllabus.

Property (E)-Riles

The first class assignment will be posted in the glass-enclosed bulletin board on the ground floor.

Property (F)-Sherwin

Materials. Required: Cribbet, Johnson et al., *Cases & Materials on Property* (8th ed. 2002). Recommended: Kurtz, *Moynihlan's Introduction to the Law of Real Property* (4th ed. 2005) (previous editions are OK). **Assignments for August 23:** Text 1-15, 25-26, 42-49. PowerPoint slides containing questions on the material to be covered will be available on Blackboard (under Course Documents.) the day before class.

Torts (A)-Bowman

Prior to our first class, please read and be prepared to discuss pp. 1-24 from our primary text for the course, Franklin, Rabin & Green, *Tort Law and Alternatives*, 8th ed.

Torts (D)-Hay

Casebook: Richard A. Epstein, *Cases and Materials on Torts* (8th ed. 2004). For the first class, read pp. xxxi-xxxvi, and *Vosburg v. Putney* (p. 3).

Torts (CEF)-Heise

Prior to our first class, please read and be prepared to discuss pp. xxxi-xxxvi from our primary text for the course, Richard A. Epstein, *Cases and Materials on Torts* (8th ed., 2004). I will distribute copies of the course syllabus at our first class. After that, additional copies will be available from Ms. Cahanin in room 115 and on-line via Blackboard.

Torts (B)-Henderson

The assignment for the first class is to read pp. 1-18 in Henderson, et al., *The Torts Process* (7th ed. 2007). Class discussion will focus on the *Vosburg* case.

GRADUATE COURSES

Advanced Legal Research-U.S. Legal Research for LL.M. Students-Finger

For the first class on August 28, 2007 read Chapter 2. Introduction to American Legal Research and the Federal System, pp. 39-60; Chapter 5. Research and updating cases, pp. 133-145. This section of the course meets on Tuesdays, 9:05-10:55 a.m.

Advanced Legal Research-U.S. Legal Research for LL.M. Students-Morrison

Text: *Legal Reasoning, Research, and Writing for International Graduate Students*, by Nedzel. Read Chapter 2, pp. 39-60 and Chapter 5, pp. 133-145. This section of the course meets on Mondays, 9:05-10:55 a.m.

Anglo-American Contract Law and Related Obligation-Hillman

For the first class on August 27, please read pp. 1-21 of Summers and Hillman, *Contract and Related Obligation* (5th. ed. 2006).

Principles of American Legal Writing-Knight

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the glass-enclosed bulletin board and Blackboard course site for updated information.

CORE AND UPPERCLASS COURSES

Administrative Law-Farina

See Syllabus & Discussion Questions on course website <http://blackboard.cornell.edu> (If you have not used Blackboard before, see <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/PDF/BlackBoard.cfm>).

Business Organizations-Rachlinski

Readings from the casebook, Allen et al, *Commentaries and Cases on Law of Business Organizations*: Monday, August 27 pp. 1-14; Tuesday, August 28 pp. 15-40; Wednesday, August 29 pp. 83-97 (skip pp 41-82).

Evidence-Rossi

Materials required for the course are Weinstein, Mansfield, Abrams and Berger, *Cases and Materials on Evidence* (Foundation Press, 9th ed. 1997) and the *Federal Rules of Evidence* pamphlet (Thomson/West 2007-2008 edition). For our first class on Monday, August 27, read the introduction in the Rules pamphlet (pp. iii-vi) and Rules 101-106 along with the accompanying Advisory Committee Notes (pp. 6-17). A course syllabus and assignment sheet for the semester will be distributed at our first session.

Federal Income Taxation-Green

Please pick up a copy of the syllabus and a set of problems in room 315. For the first class, please read the first assignment in the syllabus; i.e., read pp. 22-27 and 89-96 in Graetz & Schenk, *Federal Income Taxation*, but omit Note (B) on page 94. Please try to answer Problem 1 in the set of problems.

Advanced Legal Research-International and Foreign Law-Mills

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the glass-enclosed bulletin board and Blackboard course site for updated information.

Animal Law-Campbell

For the first class on August 27, please read and be prepared to discuss pages 3 through 37 of *Animal Law* by Waisman, Frasch and Wagman (3d ed. 2006), focusing on the Notes.

Corporate and White Collar Crime-Garvey

Pick up a syllabus from room 213. We will be covering the material listed for the first assignment.

Comparative Corporate Governance: Current Theories and Developments -Gorga

Welcome to Comparative Corporate Governance! Readings for the first class and second class can be found at the course website on Blackboard or from Kathy Wimsatt, in room 315.

Criminal Procedure I-Blume

Students should read pp. 1-26 of the text, *Modern Criminal Procedure*. The book should be available at the Cornell Store.

Dispute Resolution: Negotiation, Mediation and Arbitration-Meyer, Yusem

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the glass-enclosed bulletin board and Blackboard course site for updated information.

Employment Law-Douglas

Please read pp. 3-11 and 50-65 from the casebook, Willborn, Schwab, Burton & Lester, *Employment Law: Cases and Materials* (4th edition, 2007).

Health Law-Beresford

Gostin & Jacobson [casebook for course], pp. 1-41.

The IPO and M & A Processes-Nozell, Teitelbaum

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the glass-enclosed bulletin board and Blackboard course site for updated information.

Insurance Law-Heise

Prior to our first class, please read and be prepared to discuss pp. 1-31 from our principal text from the course, Kenneth S. Abraham, *Insurance Law and Regulation* (4th ed. 2005). I will distribute copies of the course syllabus at our first class. After that, additional copies will be available from Ms. Cahanin in room 115 and on-line via Blackboard.

International Business Transactions-Brennan

Friday, August 24: Casebook: pp. 44-59. 1980 Convention on the International Sale of Goods (skim and bring to class: can be downloaded at www.uncitral.org)

International Commercial Arbitration-Barceló

Books: T. Varady, J. Barceló, & A. von Mehren, *International Commercial Arbitration* (3d ed. 2006) plus 3d ed. *Documents Supplement*. **First class assignment**, Thursday, August 23: Coursebook pp. 1-2; Documents Supplm. pp. 1-3 (N.Y. Convention Articles I, II, IV, & V) (Also skim coursebook table of contents and documents supplement table of contents)

International Environmental Law-Rosen-Zvi

The casebook for this course is Hunter, Salzman & Zaelke, *International Environmental Law and Policy* (Foundation Press, 3rd ed. 2007). Make sure you get the 3rd edition. Unfortunately, the 2nd edition from 2002 is out-of-date. Reading assignment for our first class, Tuesday, August 28: HSZ pp. 1-39, 43-56, 61-65, 111-114. Assignment for our second class, Wednesday, August 29: HSZ pp. 166-205, 208-213, skim Chapter 5. Since the course consists of only 10 sessions, the readings for the first week are quite extensive.

Labor Law, Practice and Policy-Cornell

Prior to our first class, please read Harper, Estreicher & Flynn, *Labor Law* (6th ed. 2007), pp. 26-29 (skip notes 2-6), and pp. 80-108; read the introduction of Cooper & Fisk, *Labor Law Stories*, (Foundation Press 2005), pp. 1-12; Skim the *Labor Law* Statutory Supplement, pp. 47-53.

Law and High Growth Companies-Shulman

Please purchase the hard copy course packet at Center Sage (the bookstore in the basement level of Sage Hall). Most of the readings for the course are online at a subscription website. Directions for accessing the website are included in the course packet. For Week 1 please read the materials listed under Unit 1 in the hard copy course packet (many of which are on line on the subscription website).

Law and Social Change: International Experience-Greenberg

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the glass-enclosed bulletin board and Blackboard course site for updated information.

The Law of Branding-St. Landau

The First Assignment appears in the syllabus on the class Blackboard site. Please note that the reading also appears and may be viewed or printed from the Assignments section of Blackboard. The readings will be available on Blackboard for this class throughout the semester.

The Law of the European Union-Aziz

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the glass-enclosed bulletin board and Blackboard course site for updated information.

Law and Ethics of Business Practice-Schwab

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the glass-enclosed bulletin board and Blackboard course site for updated information.

Patent Law and Trade Secrets-Liivak

Read the newspaper articles compiled in the “*First Class News Stories*” available via Blackboard. Read in *Principles of Patent Law* pages 16-19, 26-29, Thomas Jeffersons Letter on 45, and 62-71. Read the discussion questions for this assignment posted on Blackboard.

Products Liability-Henderson

Assignment for first class. The book for this course is Henderson & Twerski *Products Liability: Problems and Process* (5th ed. 2004). For the first class, read pp. 1-21. Be prepared to discuss *Escola*, *Greenman* and Restatement 2d §402A. The syllabus will be handed out in the first class on Monday, August 27, 2007.

Public International Law-Ndulo

The assigned text for this class is: Dunoff, Ratner, & Wippman, *International Law: Norms, Actors, Process* (2nd Edition). The full text of selected treaties, relevant document, and problem updates can be found at: <http://teaching.law.cornell.edu/faculty/drwcasebook/> The first assignment is to read pp. 3-33 (but skim 5-12, 29-33), from the Introduction, What is International Law?

Secured Transactions-Shapiro

The required texts are William D. Warren and Steven D. Walt, *Secured Transactions in Personal Property*, (7th Edition, Foundation Press 2007) **not the 6th edition** and William D. Warren and Steven D. Walt, *Commercial Law: Selected Statutes, 2007-2008 Edition* (Foundation Press). For the first class, please read *Secured Transactions in Personal Property*, pp. 2-9, 18-22. We will cover substantive material on the first day, including an in-class exercise that will be referred to later, so please attend if you think you might take the course, even if you are unsure.

SEMINARS AND PROBLEM COURSES

Appellate Advocacy-Bryan

Before the first class, please pick up the syllabus and the Davis article (both available on Blackboard and hard copy with my Administrative Assistant, Bonnie Jo Coughlin, in room 244). Do the first assignment for the first class as provided in the syllabus.

Biblical Law-Carmichael

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the glass-enclosed bulletin board and Blackboard course site for updated information.

Capital Punishment Law-Seeds

Please check the glass-enclosed bulletin board for the first class assignment.

Central Topics in Jurisprudence and Legal Theory-Summers, S. Goldstein

For the first meeting of the seminar, Tuesday, August 28 at 4:15 in room 273, the assignment will be Chapters 1 and 2 of Robert S. Summers, *Form and Function in a Legal System: A General Study*, Cambridge University Press, 2006. This book is available at the Cornell Campus Book Store or can be ordered through <http://www.Amazon.com>

Students should also pick up a question form sheet in room 315 on the shelf. This form should be used to answer questions regarding the assigned material for each class. Fill in the form, sign it, and hand it in to Gina Jackson, room 315 **no later than** 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday (the same day the seminar meets). (Keep a copy for yourself.) Professor Summers will then prepare a detailed agenda of matters for discussion in the seminar based on your hand-ins as addressed to the assigned materials. Agendas will be distributed at the beginning of each seminar session.

Comparative Law and Medical Ethics-Aziz

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the glass-enclosed bulletin board and Blackboard course site for updated information.

Corporate Governance Seminar-Siskind

There is no textbook, or course pack for sale. The course syllabus (only) will be available for pick up from my administrative assistant, Jack Glezen, on a shelf in his office located in room 244. The syllabus is also located on Blackboard in the course website under Course Documents. The materials listed in the syllabus are available either as "links" under External Links at the blackboard course website, or under Course Documents. For Class 1, read and be prepared to discuss the Clark article. The Strine article, an insightful discussion of the corporate governance implications of the Enron collapse, will also be discussed. If you are on the waiting list for this course and wish to be admitted should an opening occur, you must be present for the first class meeting.

Employment Discrimination-M. Goldstein

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the glass-enclosed bulletin board and Blackboard course site for updated information.

Federal Litigation Seminar-Oxhorn

The first class assignment is available on the shelves in the Administrative Assistants' Office, room 213. Donna Hastings is the Administrative Assistant. The syllabus and first assignment is also available on the course Blackboard website.

Immigration and Refugee Law-Yale-Loehr

First Class Reading Assignment for Monday August 27, 6:05-8:00 p.m. room 276 [not Thursday, August 23]. Required reading (see generally Blackboard site for this course at <http://blackboard.cornell.edu> . The course number is 7311-1):

1. Read course description in Course Information part of Blackboard site
2. Read Aleinikoff, Martin & Motomura text (AM&M) pp. 1-34, 210-37
3. George Borjas, "The Top Ten Symptoms of Immigration" at <http://www.cis.org/articles/1999/back1199.htm>

Please think about and be prepared to discuss the following questions for the first class:

1. What is our national interest in having an immigration policy?
2. Should our immigration policy benefit U.S. natives? Immigrants? Those who remain in source countries?
Some mixture of the three?
3. How many and what kinds of people should we admit to the United States each year?
4. What should our immigration policy be after 9/11?
5. How should we define membership in American society? What does it mean to be a member?
6. What turns, or should turn, on membership?
7. Was Bickel correct in saying that citizenship doesn't matter much because nothing much turns on it?
8. What are the normative arguments for limiting membership?
9. Should we deny automatic U.S. citizenship to children born in the U.S. of undocumented alien parents?
Would an amendment to the 14th Amendment along those lines be constitutional?

Mergers and Acquisitions-Greene, Hall

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the glass-enclosed bulletin board and Blackboard course site for updated information.

Organized Crime Control-Goldstock

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the glass-enclosed bulletin board and Blackboard course site for updated information.

Race and Law Since 1890-Douglas

There is no reading assignment for the first day, but please read the syllabus before class. It will be posted on Blackboard.

Social Justice Lawyering-Miner, Comstock

Readings: Introduction, pp. 1-6; Chapter 1, pp. 7- 59. **Writing:** One page description of your understanding of the term social justice and role of a lawyer in the achievement of social justice, due Monday, August 27, 10:00 a.m. to JoAnne Miner, Director, Legal Aid Clinic.

Tax Policy-Bakjia

There will be a reading assignment for the first class meeting (Monday, August 27). The reading assignment will be posted on the Blackboard site for the class by Monday, August 20, and will be available for download there. Also, in advance of the first class please pick up a copy of the required text, *Taxing Ourselves: A Citizen's Guide to the Debate over Tax Reform*, 3rd edition, by Joel Slemrod and Jon Bakjia (MIT Press, 2004), available at the Cornell University Bookstore.

Theories of Intellectual Property-Liivak

For the first class meeting read the appropriately entitled article by William Fisher: "Theories of Intellectual Property" in *New Essays in the Legal and Political Theory of Property* (Stephen Munzer, ed. Cambridge University Press, 2001). It is available on Blackboard. Come to class with a least one question stimulated by the article.

CLINICAL COURSES AND EXTERNSHIPS

Capital Appellate Clinic-Blume, Johnson

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the glass-enclosed bulletin board and Blackboard course site for updated information.

Empire Justice Center: Domestic Violence Unit Externship-Miner

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the glass-enclosed bulletin board and Blackboard course site for updated information.

Full-Term Externship-Galbreath

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the glass-enclosed bulletin board and Blackboard course site for updated information.

International Human Rights Clinic-Kalantry

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the glass-enclosed bulletin board and Blackboard course site for updated information.

Judicial Externship-Galbreath

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the glass-enclosed bulletin board and Blackboard course site for updated information.

Law Guardian Externship-Miner

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the glass-enclosed bulletin board and Blackboard course site for updated information.

Neighborhood Legal Services ExternshipS 1 & 2-Strom

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the glass-enclosed bulletin board and Blackboard course site for updated information.

Prosecution Trial Clinic-Sarachan

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the glass-enclosed bulletin board and Blackboard course site for updated information.

Public Interest Clinics 1 & 2-Miner, Strom

Students registered for **Public Interest Clinics 1 & 2** should check their pendafilex file for their assignments. If you are registered and don't receive any information by Monday, August 20, please see Patty Dickerson in the Legal Aid Clinic.

US Attorney's Office Clinic 1-Roberts

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the glass-enclosed bulletin board and Blackboard course site for updated information.

Water Law in Theory and Practice 1-Porter

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