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INITIAL CLASS ASSIGNMENTS FOR SPRING 2009

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>

Note about textbooks: E-texts may not be used during exams.
All permitted materials must be in hard copy.

CORNELL STORE HOURS

Extended Store Hours

Wednesday, January 14 - Friday, January 16: 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 17: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 18: 12:00 Noon- 5:00 pm

Monday, January 19 & Tuesday, January 20: 8:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 21: 8:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Regular Store Hours

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

FROM PAUL WEBER, DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES
The Law School and Blackboard system
Spring 2009

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 (ABCDEF)-Clermont

The assignment for the first class appears in the announcements and the syllabus, which you'll find at the course website on Blackboard.

Contracts (BCF)-Hillman

Happy new year. For the first class, please reread and study pp. 522-534 and read and study pp. 534-541.

Contracts (ADE)- Hoffman

The syllabus for the course will be available on Blackboard. For the first day, re-read UCC 2-207, and then read 503-520 (i.e., through Step-Saver Data Systems). For the second day, read 522-534.

Criminal Law (ADE)-Garvey

Pick up a syllabus from room 213. Be prepared to discuss the material indicated for the first assignment.

Criminal Law (BCF)-Ohlin

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Lawyering (B)-Atlas

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Lawyering (E)-Coleman

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Lawyering (D)-Mollenkamp

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Lawyering (F)-Mooney

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Lawyering (C)-Weigold

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Lawyering (A)-Whelan

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Torts (AC)-Heise

First Assignment: Prior to our first class, scheduled for Monday, January 19 at 9:05 a.m., please read and be prepared to discuss pp. xxxv-xlii from our primary text for the course, Richard A. Epstein, *Cases and Materials on Torts* (9th ed., 2008). 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 (DE)-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.

Torts (BF)-Wendel

The required casebook is Franklin, Rabin & Green, *Tort Law and Alternatives* (Foundation Press 8th ed.) ("FRG"). For the first class, read the *Hammtreee* case starting on p. 3 of FR&G.

GRADUATE COURSES

Principles of American Legal Writing-Knight

For the first assignment, please read Neumann, Chapter 5, pp. 53-58.

CORE AND UPPERCLASS COURSES

Accounting for Lawyers-Sarachan

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Administrative Law: The Law of the Regulatory State-Rachlinski

From the casebook: Monday, January 19, 1-29; Tuesday, January 20, 30-63; Thursday, January 21, 63-74.

Advanced Legal Research in Business Law-Callihan

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Business Organizations-Hockett

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Chinese Society and Chinese Law-Wang

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Comparative Constitutional Law-Kube

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Comparative Corporate Governance-Windbichler

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Conflict of Laws-Holden-Smith

Please pick up a copy of the course outline from Lyndsey Clarke in room 213. The assignment for the first class can be found in the outline.

Constitutional Law II: The First Amendment-Shiffrin

The assignment for the first three class sessions is pp. 1-50 from the Shiffrin & Choper, *The First Amendment* (4th ed. 2006). In the first class we will cover pp. 1-16. The 2008 supplement to the casebook is also required for the course.

Copyright-Frischmann

Text: Julie E. Cohen, et al., *Copyright in a Global Information Economy*, Second Edition (2006) and Supplement (2008). The Syllabus will be posted on the Blackboard course site. For our first meeting, read the Syllabus and pp. 3-19 of the casebook.

Environmental Law-Rachlinski

From the assigned casebook: Monday, January 19, 870-876; 1-24; Tuesday, January 20, 24-38; Wednesday, January 21, 38-59.

Ethics and Corporate Culture-Wendel

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Evidence-Colb

Course Materials: (1) George Fisher, *Evidence* (2nd ed. 2008) (hereinafter “CB”), and (2) George Fisher, *Federal Rules of Evidence Statutory Supplement* (2008-2009 ed.) (hereinafter “SUPP”).

Prior to our first class meeting (January 19 at 11:15), read CB 5t (the top of page 5)-7t (the top of page 7), SUPP 127 (Rule 606), and CB 7-16. Prior to the second class, read SUPP 39 (Rule 401), SUPP 41 (Rule 402), CB 18-29 (including Problems 1.1-1.5), SUPP 9 (Rule 104(b)), and CB 32-34t. Prior to the third class, read SUPP 44 (Rule 403), CB 45m (middle of page 45)-53, and CB 60-61 (including Problems 1.10 and 1.11). You will be able to find the first part of the syllabus (which will include these three assignments as well as more general information about the course) on Blackboard at the end of the week before classes begin. I look forward to meeting all of you on January 19! :)

Family Law-Bowman

Weisberg & Appleton, *Modern Family Law*, 3d ed., pp.111-28.

Federal Courts-Dorf

A document with an overview and syllabus is posted in the “Course Documents” portion of the Blackboard for this course. For the first day of class, please read the overview and prepare the first assignment (labeled “1 & 2” because there is no additional reading for the second day).

Federal Income Taxation-Green

For the first class, please read pp. 23-27 and 96-103 in Graetz & Schenk, *Federal Income Taxation* (6th ed. 2009). Omit Note (B) on page 101. Look at problem 1 in the problem handout.

Insurance Law-Heise

Prior to our first class, scheduled for Monday, January 19 at 12:20 p.m. 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 Law and Politics-Efrat

No assignment for the first class.

Land Use Planning-Underkuffler

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

The Law Governing Lawyers-Wendel

The required casebook is Stephen Gillers, *Regulation of Lawyers: Problems of Law and Ethics* (Aspen 7th ed.) (“Gillers”). A rules supplement including the ABA Model Rules and the Restatement of the Law Governing Lawyers is also required; the bookstore has Martyn, Fox & Wendel, but others are fine. For the first class, read the notes on Gillers, pp. 1-13, on the sources of the law of lawyering.

International Law and Foreign Direct Investment-Ndulo

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Mergers and Acquisitions-Teitelbaum

There is one required textbook: Oesterle, *The Law of Mergers and Acquisitions* (Third Edition). For the first class (Tuesday, January 20), please read pp. 1-29 in the Oesterle casebook. The syllabus for the course will be posted on the course website on Blackboard.

Patent Law and Trade Secrets-Liivak

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Real Estate Transactions and Deal Structuring-Funk

The textbook for Law 6792: Real Estate Transactions and Deal Structuring (cross listed with CRP 6560) is Cameron, Durham, Stark, and White; *Commercial Real Estate Transactions: A Project and Skills Oriented Approach*; LexisNexis: Illinois, 2001. xxxii-933. ISBN: 0-8205-5032-9. The reading assignment for the first day, Wednesday, January 21, is pp. 21-28 on the role of real estate lawyers. You will also find materials on the course's Blackboard site, including the article "Getting Through the Real Estate Transaction Jungle - A Survival Guide" that should be read for the first meeting.

Remedies in Litigation-Sherwin

Text: Douglas Laycock, *Modern American Remedies* (3d ed. 2002). Assignments for the week of January 19-21. January 19: text pp. 1-19; January 20: text pp. 19-37; January 21: text pp. 37-56. Look for a syllabus on Blackboard (coming by January 15).

Social Science and the Law-Hans

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Sports Law-Briggs

For the first assignment: Contract Law: Text pp. 101-137 and Statutory Supp. pp. 130-149.

Theory and Practice of Negotiated and Collaborative Decision Making-Farina, Newhart

Week # 1 assignments: see Blackboard course website. **Note:** This is a limited enrollment course. You must attend the first class to take the course, regardless of where you are in the registration queue.

Trial Advocacy-Galbreath

Please see the Blackboard website for the first assignment.

Trusts and Estates-Alexander

For the first class, on Monday, January 19, please read and be prepared to discuss pp. 1-1 through 1-12 in the casebook, L. Waggoner, G. Alexander, M. Fellows & T. Gallanis, *Family Property Law: Wills, Trusts and Future Interest*, 4th ed. (Foundation Press 2006). The course Syllabus is available in the Course Documents section of Blackboard. I will also bring some hard copies to class with me on Monday.

WTO and International Trade Law-Barceló

Books:1) Jackson, Davey, & Sykes, *International Economic Relations* (5th ed. 2008); 2) 2008 Document Supplement. Assignment First Class (1/20/09): Coursebook, pp. 1-21.

SEMINARS AND PROBLEM COURSES

Advanced Criminal Procedure: Post-Conviction Remedies-Seeds

For the Post-Conviction Remedies seminar, students should check the bulletin board for the first week's reading assignment.

Advanced Legal Research-Finger, Jones, M. Morrison

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Advanced Topics in Property Theory-Underkuffler

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Biblical Law-Carmichael

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Comparative Constitutional Property-Alexander

The first class meeting is on Monday, January 19. For that class please read and be prepared to discuss the materials that are available in room 213 and also in the Course Documents section of Blackboard. The course Syllabus is also available on Blackboard, and I will bring some hard copies with me to class on Monday.

Contemporary American Jury-Hans

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Corruption Control-Goldstock

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Ethnoracial Identity in Anthropology, Language, and Law-Santiago-Irizarry

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Feminist Jurisprudence-Bowman

Becker et al, *Feminist Jurisprudence*, 3d ed., pp. 1-42 (ch. 1).

First Amendment Theory-Shiffrin

The reading for the first class is On Liberty by J.S. Mill. Before three o' clock on the first day of class, you should place in my mailbox three comments, arguments, questions, or matters to be discussed about the reading. Your comments taken together should not exceed two pages and may be handwritten. This assignment will not be graded. Computers and other electronic devices may not be used during class sessions, but they may, of course, be used for completing any of the written assignments.

Global and Regional Economic Integration-Barceló

For first class, Thursday, January 22 (4:15-5:55) please see assignment on Blackboard for the seminar.

International Criminal Law-Ndulo

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

International Financial Institutions-Hockett

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Islamic Law and History-Powers

Ruthven, *Islam: A Very Short Introduction* (all). Koran, chapters 4 (“Women”) and chapter 33 (“Confederates”).

Law and Economics-Hoffman

The syllabus for the course will be available on Blackboard, as will most of the readings. For the first week, after accessing Blackboard, read the syllabus. Then read the selections, again on Blackboard, from Landes & Posner, *The Economics of the Baby Shortage*; Farber, *An Economic Analysis of Abortion*; and Donohue & Levitt, *The Impact of Legalized Abortion on Crime*. Come prepared to talk about the readings.

Law and Higher Education-Mingle

Required text: Instructor-prepared seminar book. Available at Kraffees, 207 Dryden Road, Collegetown. Reading assignment for first class session January 20: “case studies” - pick up at room 244 Myron Taylor Hall and seminar book: Topic 1 pp. 1-34.

Law and Humanities Colloquium-Meyler

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Legal Aspects of Commercial Real Estate Development-Blyth

Read Hamburger and Schueller, *Letters Of Intent - A Trap For The Unwary*, 37 Real Property Probate and Trust Journal 509 (Fall 2002).

Then prepare, bring to class, and hand in (but not for a grade) a Letter of Intent, no more than four (4) pages, double spaced, legible font size, for your client, Mr. Big, to buy Triphammer Mall. On an additional page, Schedule A, list those common sense items of due diligence which you believe must be performed by your client in order to convince Mr. Big to do the deal. If you prefer, and if you believe your client would be better suited, prepare and bring to class a term sheet for the above transaction. Why might you prefer to use a term sheet instead of a letter of intent?

Is *caveat emptor* alive anymore? What, if anything, is the owner of Triphammer Mall under a duty to disclose to Mr. Big about the condition of the Mall? If the parties agree that Mr. Big will buy the Mall in an "as is" condition, how successfully may Mr. Big later argue misrepresentation if the owner fails to disclose the existence of asbestos in the premises? Under what circumstances would you recommend to Mr. Big that he dispense with all of the foregoing, save some legal fees, and simply buy the property without any letter of intent, term sheet, or purchase agreement after performing whatever due diligence he thought appropriate?

Legal Narratives-Sherwin

Text: *Torts Stories* (Robert L. Rabin & Stephen D. Sugarman, eds. 2003). Assignment for Monday, January 19: text pp. 99-128. Look for a syllabus on Blackboard (coming by January 15).

Legal Responses to Terrorism-Clymer

Assignment for first class on Thursday, January 22 from 7:05 to 8:45 p.m. Required materials: Dycus, Banks & Raven-Hansen, *Counterterrorism Law* (Aspen), Dycus, Berney, Banks & Raven Hansen, *2008-2009 Supplement to National Security Law* (4th ed. Aspen). Assignment for first class session: Chapter 1 in *Counterterrorism Law* (Chapter is entitled "Defining Terrorism and Counterterrorism"), pp. 3-38. Students should come to class prepared to discuss Chapter 1.

New York Civil Practice-Roth

For the first class on January 19, please read Siegel, *New York Practice*, 4th Edition (Student Edition), pp. 1-40.

Pretrial Practice, Litigation Strategies, & Remedies in Commercial Litigation&-Radice, D'Amore

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Social and Psychological Aspects of the Death Penalty-Brainerd

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Theories of Intellectual Property-Liivak

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Water and Culture in the Mediterranean: A Crisis-Porter, Steenhuis, Holst-Warhaft

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

CLINICAL COURSES AND EXTERNSHIPS

Immigration Appellate Law and Advocacy Clinic-Kalantry, Yale-Loehr

Week 1 Assignment: Wednesday, January 21 Overview; Asylum and Withholding

Reading: Germain, Chapter 1 (sources of asylum law); Chapter 2 (substantive aspects of asylum law) Asylum Clinic Handbook. **Questions:** What is the difference between affirmative and defensive asylum claims? What is the procedure for affirmative and defensive asylum claims? What is the burden of proof an applicant must satisfy in an asylum claim? A withholding claim?

Capital Punishment Clinic: Post-Conviction Litig.-Blume, Johnson

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Child Advocacy Clinic 1-Mooney

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Child Advocacy Clinic 2-Mooney

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Capital Trial Clinic-Blume, Johnson

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Criminal Defense Trial Clinic-Salisbury

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Full-Term Externship-Miner

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Indigent Representation-Berry

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

International Human Rights Clinic-Kalantry

Monday January 19 -- Overview of Class; Tuesday, January 20 -- Overview of Human Rights Law
Readings:

- Human Rights in the Administration of Justice, chapters 1 and 2 (available on Blackboard)
- Smith, Rhona, Textbook on International Human Rights, chapter 5 (available on Blackboard)
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- The Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (skim)
- The Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (skim)

Assignment #1 (International Human Rights Law Research) due by email to Professor Kalantry by 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 24 (see Blackboard for Assignment). (If you have not used Blackboard before, see: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/PDF/Blackboard.com> or contact Dan Jones at daniel-jones@lawschool.cornell.edu)

Judicial Externship-Galbreath

Please see the Blackboard website for the first assignment.

Labor Law Clinic-Cornell

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Land Use, Development and Natural Resource Prot. Clinic-Porter

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Law Guardian Externship-Mooney

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Legislative Externship-Strom

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Neighborhood Legal Services Externship 1-Strom

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Neighborhood Legal Services Externship 3-Strom

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Prosecution Trial Clinic-Sarachan

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Public Interest Clinic 1-Galbreath, Strom

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Public Interest Clinic 3-Galbreath, Strom

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Securities Law Clinic 1-Jacobson

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

Securities Law Clinic 2-Jacobson

No assignment submitted to *Scoops*. Check the Blackboard course site for information.

US Attorney's Office Clinic 2-Roberts

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