Fall 2023 First Assignments



Widener Law Commonwealth

COURSE & PROFESSOR	FIRST ASSIGNMENT
Administrative Law Sarah Everhart	Due on Monday, August 21st Please read Chapter 1 (pages 1-26) of the required casebook; hard copy is required. Respond to the prompt on the Discussion page on Canvas the week of August 14 th .
Animal Law Sarah Everhart	Due on Thursday, August 24th Please read Chapter 1 (pages 3-39) of the required casebook. Respond to the prompt on the Discussion page on Canvas the week of August 14 th .
Business Organizations Christian Johnson	Due on Monday, August 21 st - Please read pages 1-34 (first week) – skim Ackerman (pages 16-29). - Please read Restatement Agency 2d §§ 1, 2, 7, 8, 8A, 8B, 26, 27, 82, 219, 220, 228, 229. - Please read Restatement Agency 3d §§ 1.01-1.04, 2.01-2.07, 3.01-3.03. The Restatements are available in Canvas under the First Module.
Business Planning Larry Weisberg	Due on Wednesday, August 30th (see below for explanation) Due to Professor Weisberg being out town, we will <u>NOT</u> have class on August 23 rd . Our first class will be August 30 th , and the reading for that day is pages 1-6, 15-20, and 623-656.

Civil Procedure I (section N) <i>Jill Family</i>	Due on Monday, August 21st Please look for first assignment information on the Canvas page.
Civil Procedure I (section P) <i>Susan Raeker-Jordan</i>	Due on Tuesday, August 22nd You must purchase a <u>hardcover</u> casebook, as this course does not allow the use of electronic devices in class. First assignments will be posted in the Canvas course in the Class One module no later than August 14 th .
Civil Procedure I (section R) <i>Kellyn McGee</i>	Due on Monday, August 21 st Please read "Storming the Court" before the first class. You can purchase the print or eBook on <u>Amazon</u> , but you can use any version (print, eBook, audio). An additional reading assignment will be on Canvas on August 14 th .
Clinical Externship <i>Liz Simcox</i>	Due on Tuesday, August 22 nd Please log on to CORE under the Experiential Learning tab. Use the box in the upper right- hand corner to ADD Experience. This will guide you through adding the information for your placement. Once completed, I will approve, and this will activate your file. I will also be sending a short video on how to use this module. It is pretty easy. Read chapters 1 and 3 in <i>Learning From Practice</i> and watch the "Sheila Heen Ted Talk" video. These can be found by accessing the Resource Library tab on CORE and then clicking on the Externship Course Materials tab. I will send a message the week before class starts with information and all requirements will be discussed in our 1 st meeting on August 22 nd . See you then!
Constitutional Law (section 1N) <i>Michael Dimino</i>	 Due on Thursday, August 24th (unless otherwise noted) Please sign up for the course's TWEN page and read the syllabus that is posted there. Go to eproducts.westacademic.com and enroll in the Casebook Plus course by using this code: CRSE-Y3XY-W1RG-2QZF-PIHI. You will need to obtain two different supplements in advance of the first class; both are available on the TWEN site, with print copies available for pickup outside the faculty secretary's office by Thursday, August 3rd. For our first class, read pages xlv-lxv (the Constitution) and 254-277 of the Casebook, as well as all of the Constitutional Interpretation Supplement and pages 9-10 of the Casebook Update. For our second class, please read pages 953-982 of the Casebook.
Constitutional Law (sections 1S & R) <i>Randy Lee</i>	Due on Tuesday, August 22 nd (unless otherwise noted) For our 1 st class, please read the syllabus packet (Packet #1) through the end of the Bostock case. For our 2 nd class, read all of Packet #2, the packet with the cartoon on the cover. When you get to the Constitution, you don't need to pour over it. Just skim over it to get a general sense of how it's organized. Both packets are available in bins for pickup outside the faculty secretary's office.

Contracts I	Due on Monday, August 21 st
(sections N)	The assignment for the first class is posted on the Calendar section of the Canvas site for
Robyn Meadows	the course.
Contracts I (sections P & R) <i>Mary Kate Kearney</i>	 Due on Monday, August 21st (sec. P) -or- Tuesday, August 22nd (sec. R) I look forward to meeting you in person and working with you this year in Contracts. Please read this material for our first class. 1.) Contracts: A Context and Practice Casebook by Schwartz and Walters (3rd edition) — Introduction, pp. 1-13; Chapter 1 and Lucy v. Zehmer, pp. 21-30 2.) Selections from the Restatement (Second) Contracts Statutory Supplement (2022 edition) by George and Korobkin — Restatement sections 1, 3, 17, 22, and 24
Deal Skills: Mergers & Acquisitions Connie Wilson	Due on Thursday, August 24 th Please read Chapters 1 & 16 of <i>Make the Deal</i> . An overview of mergers, stock acquisitions and asset acquisitions can be found in in Practical Law or using other legal research websites for anyone wanting a refresher or who has not had a mergers and acquisitions law class.
Essential	Due on Thursday, August 24th
Legal Skills	Everything you need for Essential Legal Skills is in the Canvas course. Please complete the
R: Jon Koltash	relevant portion of the Module 0 – Week 0 before class. I look forward to seeing you soon!
Essential	Due on Friday, August 25th
Legal Skills	Everything you need for Essential Legal Skills is in the Canvas course. Please complete the
N&P: Stephanie Patton	relevant portion of the Module 0 – Week 0 before class. I look forward to seeing you soon!
Evidence (section 1N) <i>Michael Dimino</i>	Due on Wednesday, August 23rd (unless otherwise noted) Please sign up for the course's TWEN page and read the syllabus that is posted there. Access the supplement (the Federal Rules of Evidence, as amended in 2020) either through the TWEN site or by picking up a hard copy from the bin outside the faculty secretary's office. For our first class, read pages 1-63 and 123-129 of the Casebook; pages 3-4, 9-10, and 33-34 of <i>Evidence Problems</i> ; and Federal Rules of Evidence 1101-1103, 101- 103, 105-106, 601-601, 611, and 614-615. For our second class, read pages 65-94 of the Casebook; pages 5-6 of <i>Evidence Problems</i> ; and Federal Rule of Evidence 401-403. Please prepare answers to all assigned problems before each class of the semester, so that we can most efficiently use class time.

	Due on Tuesday, August 22 nd (unless otherwise noted)
	Please read the following in the casebook for class on Tuesday, August 22 nd .
Evidence	- "Study Guide" (pp. xxix-xxxiii) - Chapter 1: Why Take This Course?
(section 1V)	- Chapter 2: Types of Courtroom Evidence
Michal Buchhandler- Raphael	 Chapter 3: Four W's of the Federal Rules of Evidence Chapter 4: Structure of a Trial
naphaci	Please read the following in the casebook for class on Wednesday, August 23 rd .
	 Chapter 5: Raising and Resolving Evidentiary Objections Chapter 6: Relevance
Family Law	Due on Monday, August 21 st (unless otherwise noted)
Michal Buchhandler-	Please read pages 3-16 and 16-28 in the casebook for class on Monday, August 21st.
Raphael	Please read pages 28-39 in the casebook for class on Wednesday, August 23 rd .
	Due on Wednesday, August 23rd (unless otherwise noted)
	Please sign up for the course's TWEN page and read the syllabus that is posted
Federal Courts	there. Access the supplement either through the TWEN site or by picking up a hard copy
Michael Dimino	from the bin outside the faculty secretary's office. For our first class, read pages 10-17 and 211-237 of the Casebook, as well as Article III of the Constitution (which is reprinted at pages 1488-1489 of the Casebook). For our second class, read pages 237-265 of the Casebook.
Federal Criminal	Due on Tuesday, August 22 nd
Practice William Behe	Please read chapter 1 in the required text.
Federal Income Tax	Due on Monday, August 21 st
Christian Johnson	Please read pages 1-32 of the required Kwall text.
Fundamentals	Due on Monday, August 21 st
of the Bar Exam	There is no first assignment for this course.
Dean Randi Teplitz	
Government	Due on Tuesday, August 15 th
Contracting	Please read pages 1-23; 30-42; and 48-85; as well as <i>ECDC Environmental v. U.S.</i> , 40 Fed Cl
Pam Cross	236; 1998 U.S. Claims LEXIS 12; <i>Gaeta v. Ridley School District</i> , 788 A.2d 363; 2002 Pa. LEXIS 132; <i>Information Technology v. U.S.</i> , 316 F. 3d 1312; and 2003 U.S. App LEXIS 404.

Government Law Colloquium Joel Cheskis	Due on Wednesday, August 23 rd
	Please read these items, both of which should be obtainable through a Google search:
	- "Special Report: Penn State Counsel Cynthia Baldwin's Role Before Grand Jury Could Affect Tim Curley and Gary Schultz's Perjury Case, Experts Say," <u>PennLive</u> , posted February 2, 2012.
	- "The Highest Court Has the Government's Lowest Ethical Standards," <i>New York Times</i> , posted April 14, 2023.
Immigration Law	Due on Monday, August 21 st
Craig Shagin	Please <u>click here</u> to read your first assignment, which includes the Attorney General opinion that is referenced in the second part of the assignment.
	Due on Tuesday, August 22 nd
Judicial Externship Liz Simcox	Please log on to CORE under the Experiential Learning tab. Use the box in the upper right- hand corner to ADD Experience. This will guide you through adding the information for your placement. Once completed, I will approve, and this will activate your file. I will also be sending a short video on how to use this module. It is pretty easy.
	Read chapters 1 and 3 in <i>Learning From Practice</i> and watch the "Sheila Heen Ted Talk" video. These can be found by accessing the Resource Library tab on CORE and then clicking on the Externship Course Materials tab.
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Law and Mindfulness	Due on Friday, August 25 th
Rebecca Waldemar	Please <u>click here</u> to see your first assignment, which includes an attached reading.
Law and Policy of Sentencing & Corrections Judge Royce Morris	Due on Tuesday, August 22 nd
	Please read chapters 1 & 2 of <i>Constitutional Rights of Prisoners</i> (10 th edition) online by logging into your Lexis account and then visiting <u>this link</u> . This is separate from your required text; this one, you will not need to purchase.
Legal Methods I ALL Sections	Due on Monday, August 21 st
	Please look carefully for your assigned Legal Methods section below to find the first assignment given by your professor.
	In addition, all first-year students, regardless of section assignment, should purchase <i>Core Grammar for Lawyers</i> and complete the pre-test. Please use <u>this link</u> for further information on <i>Core Grammar</i> .
	Below is the first assignment for each Legal Methods section.

Legal Methods I NP1: Amanda Sholtis	Due on Monday, August 21st Please complete the "Class Prep Guide Week 1, Class 1" that can be found in the Week 1, Class 1 Introduction to Legal Methods Module of our Canvas course. This class prep guide contains reading and recording assignments as well as questions to complete to better prepare you for class. <i>(And see above for "ALL sections" assignment.)</i>
Legal Methods I N2 & P2: Anna Hemingway	Due on Monday, August 21 st Please complete the "Class Prep Guide Week 1, Class 1" that can be found in the Week 1, Class 1 Introduction to Legal Methods Module of our Canvas course. This class prep guide contains reading and recording assignments as well as questions to complete to better prepare you for class. (And see above for "ALL sections" assignment.)
Legal Methods I N3: Randi Teplitz	Due on Monday, August 21st Please review the course syllabus which can be found in our Legal Methods Canvas course and complete the assigned work and readings found in the Week 1, Class 1 Module. <i>(And</i> <i>see above for "ALL sections" assignment.)</i>
Legal Methods I P3: Beth Shuman	Due on Monday, August 21 st Please complete the "Class Prep Guide Week 1, Class 1" that can be found in the Week 1, Class 1 Introduction to Legal Methods Module of our Canvas course. This guide contains assignments and questions to complete to prepare you for class. (And see above for "ALL sections" assignment.)
Legal Methods I R1: Rob Teplitz	Due on Monday, August 21 st For the first class, please complete the "Class Prep Guide Week 1, Class 1" that can be found in the Week 1, Class 1 Module of our Canvas course. The guide contains reading assignments and questions to complete. <i>(And see above for "ALL sections" assignment.)</i>
Legal Methods I R2: Jon Koltash	Due on Monday, August 21st Please complete the "Class Prep Guide Week 1, Class 1" that can be found in the Week 1, Class 1 Introduction to Legal Methods Module of our Canvas course. This class prep guide contains reading and recording assignments as well as questions to complete to better prepare you for class. <i>(And see above for "ALL sections" assignment.)</i>
Legal Methods III: Advanced Legal Research Brent Johnson	Due on Wednesday, August 23rd There is no first assignment for this course.

Legal Methods III: Contract Drafting Dave Unkovic	Due on Wednesday, August 23rd I look forward to teaching you this semester. By the end of the semester, you will all be confident contract drafters. Our textbook is <u>Drafting Contracts: How and Why Lawyers Do</u> <u>What They Do</u> , 2 nd Edition, Tina Stark (2014). The topic of our first class will be: "Introduction. A Contract's Parts. Introductory Provisions." Please read Chapters 5 and 6, pages 47-93. <u>Assignment</u> : Draft a car purchase agreement per Exercise 5-1 on page 57. I realize that drafting a contract before your first class on contract drafting is challenging but give it a shot – it will help put things in context. Submit it to <u>David.unkovic@gmail.com</u> by midnight on August 22 nd . See you on the 23 rd .
Legal Methods III:	Due on Wednesday, August 23rd
Family Law Practice	Please read "Practicing Family Law" (pages 1-15 of the text), and <i>Cultural Competency and</i>
Rachel Haynes Pinsker	<i>the Practice of Law in the 21st Century</i> , which is available at <u>this link</u> .
Legal Methods III: Writing for the Bar Exam Jamie Zadra	Due on Wednesday, August 23rd There is no first assignment for this course.
Legislation	Due on Thursday, August 24th
Vince DeLiberato	Please read pages 105-74 of the required text, as well as the <u>course syllabus</u> .
MidPenn Practicum Liz Simcox & Nick Matash	Due on Tuesday, August 22 nd Please log on to CORE under the Experiential Learning tab. Use the box in the upper right- hand corner to ADD Experience. This will guide you through adding the information for your placement. Once completed, I will approve, and this will activate your file. I will also be sending a short video on how to use this module. It is pretty easy. Read chapters 1 and 3 for <i>Learning From Practice</i> and watch the "Sheila Heen Ted Talk" video. These can be found by accessing the Resource Library tab on CORE and then clicking on the Externship Course Materials tab. I will send a message the week before class starts with information and all requirements will be discussed in our 1 st meeting on August 22 nd . See you then!
Nonprofit	Due on Wednesday, August 16 th
Organizations	<u>Click here</u> to view your first assignment and the course syllabus. Also, please take a look
Christian Johnson	at the course page on Canvas.
Pre-Trial Methods	Due on Monday, August 21 st
Judge Ed Marsico	There is no first assignment for this course.

Privacy & Cybersecurity Linda Randby & Crystal Fox	Due on Monday, August 21 st The topic for the first class will be Constitutional Foundations 1 (Fourth Amendment). Please read pages 1-20 of the required text. Also, pick up a copy of the printed supplement from the bins outside the faculty secretary's office and read pages 2-24 of the supplement.
Professional Responsibility Kellyn McGee	Due on Monday, August 21st The first assignment will be available on Canvas on August 14 th .
Property I (section N) <i>Quinn Yeargain</i>	 Due on Tuesday, August 22nd Access the Property I course on Canvas. (The Canvas course is not yet available, but you will receive an email from me when it has been published.) Review the syllabus posted on Canvas. Read the following: (1) Orin S. Kerr, How to Read a Legal Opinion, 11 Green Bag 2d 51 (2007), http://www.greenbag.org/v11n1/v11n1 kerr.pdf (2) Casebook, pages 1–10
Property I (section P) Juliet Moringiello	Due on Tuesday, August 22 nd Please check the course Canvas page. The assignment for the first week of class will be posted by August 14 th .
Property I (section R) <i>Anna Hemingway</i>	Due on Monday, August 21 st - Access Property I 2023 (Hemingway) on Canvas. - Review the syllabus posted on Canvas. - Read and complete Class Prep Guide I posted on Canvas under "Module 1." - Read Barros, Hemingway, Cavalieri (BHC) Property Law, p. 1-10
Sales and Leases (sections 1N & 1R) Robyn Meadows	Due on Tuesday, August 22 nd The assignment for the first class is posted on the Calendar section of the Canvas site for the course.
Secured Transactions Kara Eshenaur	Due on Tuesday, August 22 nd There is no first assignment for this course.

SEMINAR: Cutting Edge Government Law Jill Family	Due on Tuesday, August 22 nd Please look for first assignment information on the Canvas page.
SEMINAR: International Environmental Law John Dernbach	 Due on Monday, August 21st Read Hunter et al. pp. 1-40. Read Course Requirements document on Canvas under Class 1. Bring a newspaper, magazine, or web story on an international environmental law issue that really interests you, and be prepared to discuss the article.
State Constitutional Law Quinn Yeargain	Due on Tuesday, August 22nd Please read pages 1-10 of the Casebook (posted on Canvas, which will be active soon).
Torts I (section N) <i>Mary Kate Kearney</i>	Due on Tuesday, August 22 nd Please read the following in your Torts casebook: - Development of Liability, pages 1-4 - <i>Garratt v. Dailey</i> , pages 17-20 - Restatement Sections 13 and 18, pages 7-38
Torts I (sections P1 & P2) <i>Randy Lee</i>	Due on Wednesday, August 23rd Please read <i>Garratt v. Dailey</i> (page 17 in the Prosser text), and read pages 4-8 of the syllabus (<u>click here</u>). Hard copies of the syllabus will be available in bins outside the faculty secretary's office on August 3 rd , or you can just pick one up when classes start.
Torts II Susan Raeker-Jordan	Due on Monday, August 21 st You must purchase a <u>hardcover</u> casebook, as this course does not allow the use of electronic devices in class. First assignments will be posted in the Canvas course in the Class One module no later than August 14 th .
Trial Methods Michele Kluk	Due on Monday, August 21 st <u>Click here</u> to see a case that Professor Kluk will use as an example for the lectures. Please read over the case before our first class.
Wills & Trusts Jim Demmel	Due on Tuesday, August 22 nd - Read Sitkoff, Chapter 1 §§ B and C. - Read Sitkoff, Chapter 2 §§ A and B. - Read 20 Pa.C.S. §§2101-2105. - Read 20 Pa.C.S. §§8501-8505.