

**First Class Assignments  
Fall 2010**

**\*\*This document is updated throughout the day and through the first week of classes. Please check back often.\*\*\***

**\*\*You will also want to check Blackboard for Assignments and Syllabi.\*\***

***Course packets are available for purchase from Melissa Mundt (Office 278) for the following classes (Cash or check only, please):***

Evidence—Professor Berner—\$5.00
Advanced Appellate Advocacy: Civil—Adjunct Professor Warren—\$10.00
Pretrial Skills—Adjunct Professor Garza—\$5.00
Corporate Finance—Professor Trujillo—\$5.00
Family Law—Professor Moskowitz—\$10.00

**Law 100A—Contracts**

**Professor Adams**

Introduction to Contract Law , pp. 1-17

Intention to Be Bound: The Objective Theory of Contract, pp. 21-33

Offer and Acceptance in Bilateral Contracts, pp. 33-38

**Law 100B—Contracts**

**Professor White**

For Monday August 23, read and be prepared to discuss pp. 1-26 (Introduction and Expectation Interest), 98-100 (Reliance Interest), 115-116 (Restitution), and 150-165 (*Peevyhouse* case) in the Macaulay Casebook. You should also look at pp. 510-518 in the Selections for Contracts supplement (the original *Peevyhouse* contract).

## Law 110A—Criminal Law

### Professor Berner

Consider the following three situations and come to class prepared to discuss:

- 1) x, with the desire to kill A and for that purpose, shoots at A and kills A.
- 2) y, with the desire to kill B and for that purpose, shoots at B but misses and B is unhurt.
- 3) z, who has no desire to hurt anyone, cleans his gun, does so carelessly and it discharges, killing C.

- A. Among x, y, and z, who should be punished the most? Why?
- B. Among x, y, and z, who should be punished the least? Why?
- C. How much, exactly, should y be punished? Why?
- D. In x's case, should any of the following change the punishment?

1. A was a police officer
2. A was a 5-year-old child
3. A was x's spouse
4. A was a sleazy creep and everybody hated him
5. x is white, A is black, and x killed A because he hates black people.

## Law 120A—Civil Procedure

### Professor Lind

To prepare for our first class, read as general background for your own knowledge pages 1 to 24 up to, but not including, §E, in the main class casebook, which is *Civil Procedure, 10<sup>th</sup> ed.*, by Friedenthal, Miller, Sexton, and Hershkoff ("the casebook"). Second, to prepare for **CLASS DISCUSSION**, skip to page 71 in the casebook (Chapter 2, "Jurisdiction over the Parties or their Property"), and read in that chapter pages 71 through 91 up to, but not including, §D; with regard to this material, make sure to compose and bring with you short **written briefs** of the major cases (*Pennoyer*, *Hess*, and *International Shoe*) as part of your preparation. If you use a computer, **print out your written briefs in paper form before class so you don't have to consult your computer screen to participate in the discussion.**

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**Law 130C–Legal Writing****Professor Nuechterlein**

Read Edwards, Introduction & Ch. 1 (“First Things First”); write a 1-2 page, typed, and double-spaced critique of Raffi Khatchadourian, *No Secrets*, *The New Yorker* (June 7, 2010) [copy of article & handout on critiquing available for pickup in Room 284].

You will hand in the critique at the beginning of the first class on Tuesday, August 24.

Therefore, plan on picking up the necessary materials during orientation.

**Law 130D–Legal Writing****Professor Stuart**

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**Law 130E–Legal Writing****Professor Vance****ASSIGNMENT FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 2010:**

- Read Edwards, Introduction and Chapter 1.
- Write a 1-2 page typed, and double-spaced critique of Raffi Khatchadourian, “No Secrets,” *The New Yorker* (June 7, 2010) (copy of article and handout on critiquing available for pickup in Room 284 (Kristin Takish) on second floor.
- Read *Dobrin v. Stebbins* for class. You don’t have to brief it. Access the case on our eReserves. Go to the law school web site, <http://www.valpo.edu/law/>

Click on “Law Library” at the top. Click on “eReserves & Exam Archive” along the left side (Username: reserve; Password: lawyer). Click on “eReserves” and go to my name. Scroll down under Legal Writing class until you find *Dobrin v. Stebbins*.

### **Law 130F—Legal Writing**

#### **Professor Ching**

Attending class on time is important. Anyone who is late will be counted as absent. After a total of three absences, a student may be administratively withdrawn from the course.

Choose a seat where you will be able to see both of the dry-erase boards. Please do not sit in the first row (closest to the dry-erase boards).

For our first class session, read and be ready to discuss the handout “Legal Literacy and General Education,” which is now available for your pickup at Kristin Takish’s workstation on the second floor. Also, skim Chapter 2 (The United States Legal System) of the Oates and Enquist textbook.

### **Law 203A—Business Associations**

#### **Professor Huss**

Assignment for the First Day of Class

K&R: pp. 6-38

SKIM pp. 1-30 of 2010 Statutes and Rules

K&C: pp. 1-4, 14-32

Assignment for Second Day of Class

K&R: pp. 42-59, 64-75

Syllabus for the Course is Posted on Blackboard (Information Section if not on Home Page)

### **Law 201A—Evidence**

#### **Professor Berner**

No Assignment.

### **Law 210B—Evidence**

#### **Professor Bodensteiner**

Read pages 1-25 on Process of Proof

### **Law 210C—Evidence**

#### **Professor Vandercoy**

Leonard & Gold, *Process of Proof*, pages. 1-24

### **Law 235B—Drafting: Business**

#### **Adjunct Professor Sherman**

There will not be a course book for this class. **DO NOT PURCHASE THE BRODY TEXT.**

### **Law 241A—Advanced Appellate Advocacy: Civil**

#### **Adjunct Professor Warren**

The first class will be an overview of class and introductions. There is a course packet that you need to purchase from Melissa Mundt (Room #278). The cost is \$10.00 and is payable by cash or check.

**Law 245B–Pretrial Skills**  
**Adjunct Professor Clymer**

Please read Chapter One in *Pretrial* by Thomas Mauet.

**Law 245D–Pretrial Skills**  
**Adjunct Professor Garza**

Please read pp. 425–72 in Mauet, *Pretrial*. There is also a course packet which needs to be purchased from Melissa Mundt before class on August 25.

**Law 250A–Constitutional Law II**  
**Professor Bodensteiner**

Please read pp. 40-53

**Law 250B–Constitutional Law II**  
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**Law 250HA–Constitutional Law II**  
**Professor Levinson**

Please read pp. 40-53

**Law 277A–Public International Law: Intro**  
**Adjunct Professor Kintzele**

August 24, Ch. 1 Sources of the Law, p 3-29

**Law 301D–Seminar: Law & Literature**  
**Adjunct Professor Coleman**

For Wednesday, August 25, please read To Kill a Mockingbird, pp. 1-89. I am not set up for blackboard yet. If you need to reach me before class starts, my email is bcoleman@hodgesdavis.com

**Law 301E–Seminar: Securities Law**  
**Professor Morrison**

Please read pp. 1–51 in the text, *Essentials of Securities Regulation*

**Law 301HA–Seminar: Christianity, Judaism & Islam**  
**Professor Calo**

Three readings have been posted to Blackboard as well as emailed to the class. Please have them read prior to class on Thursday, August 26.

**Law 406A–Children and the Law**  
**Adjunct Professor Shanahan**

Course Introduction.

*CH. 1 The Status, Rights and Obligations of Children*

Sec. 1 Childhood in America pp. 1-15

Sec. 2 The Law’s Evolving Conception of Children’s Status, Rights and Obligations pp. 15-36

**Law 408A-UCCII: Secured Transactions**

**Professor Calo**

Casebook pp. 2-9, 18-22

Statutory Supplement -- §§ 1-201(b)(35), 9-102(a)(72), (73)

**Law 415A–Insurance Law**

**Professor Stuart**

Holmes & Young, *Insurance: Cases & Materials*: read pp. 1-20.

**Law 418A-Sports Law**

**Professor Straubel**

Please read pages 965-988 of Yasser, *Sports Law: Cases and Materials*, Sixth Edition, for the first class, Monday, August 23. The following class members will be specifically responsible for the reading assignment: Nicholas Strom, Lesia Hurdle, Joseph D’Onofrio

Also, all class members are asked to look up the definition of an “athlete,” “athletics,” and “sports” in order to discuss what is a sport and what is not a sport.

**Law 432A-Federal Income Tax Research**

**Professor Bushbaum**

BROWSE the first eight chapters of: Richmond, Gail, *Federal Tax Research: Guide to Materials and Techniques* (8th ed.) (Foundation Press).

**Law 436–Media Law**

**Professor Myers**

No Assignment

**Law 438–Entertainment Law**

**Professor Myers**

No Assignment

**Law 440A–Regulation of Industry**

**Adjunct Professor Steiner**

The Context of Modern Regulation 1-19; 48-55

Munn v. Illinois

Metropolitan Taxicab Board of Trade, Inc. v. City of New York

**Law 442A–Civil Rights Legislation**

**Professor Levinson**

Please read pp. I-1–1-25.

### **Law 485A–Family Law**

#### **Professor Moskowitz**

CB Preface xxv, pp. 3–7, Question D, p. 7

Xerox pp. 1–9 (purchase from Melissa Mundt, Room 278, \$10.00 – cash or check)

CB 10-21, Question E, p. 16

### **Law 504A–Mergers & Acquisitions**

#### **Professor Huss**

We will cover Chapter 1 the first week of class (pages 1-37). Please make certain to read up through the first part of page 20 for the first day of class. Please also skim the syllabus and group project instructions for the course available on Blackboard (on the Home Page or in the Information section).

### **Law 504–Negotiation**

#### **Professor Vance**

In Craver text, read:

Chapter 1

Chapter 7, pages 99-111. **DO NOT LOOK AT PAGES 112-126.**

Chapter 8

### **Law 513A–Federal Estate & Gift Tax**

#### **Adjunct Professor Sunkel**

Students need to make a copy of the Federal Estate Tax Return, Form 706, which can be obtained off the internet at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). Additionally, skim the instructions for the Federal Estate Tax Return, which is also available at that same site. Please note that because of the dilemma of what Congress has not accomplished, we are still using the forms for the year 2009, which will be applicable for 2011 and thereafter, subject to a possible change in the amount of the applicable exclusion from that tax.

### **Law 652All–Trial Practice Plenary Session**

#### **Professor Vandercoy**

Advocacy/Case Theory

Mauet, Read Chap. 1 & 2, pp. 1-29

Review Baker Problem Facts,

particularly Defendant’s Statement and related materials

Jury Selection

Mauet, Chap. 3, pp. 31-60

### **Law 662-C1–Mediation Clinic**

#### **Professor Gienapp**

Art of Mediation, pages 1-22. Our first class is on Tuesday, August 24, 9:30-11-30. We will meet on Tuesdays in room 134 (St. Louis) and at the clinic trailers on Fridays from 9-12.

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**Law 662-H1–Domestic Violence Clinic**  
**Professor Brown**

Chapter 1: Introduction and Chapter 2: Race and Lawyering; 41-54.

**Law 662-I1–Wrongful Conviction Clinic**  
**Professor Brown**

First week's readings available at Clinic. Check Clinic support staff or your Clinic mailboxes.