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**COLLEGE OF LAW**

**Fall 2024**

**JD**

**FIRST WEEK ASSIGNMENTS**

**LAW 6630 –RXC: Prof. Margaret Brenan Correoso**

Intro American Law

First Week Assignment:

No first week assignment.

**LAW 6700 –RXC: Prof. Miriam Weissmann**

Torts and Criminal Wrongs

**First Week Assignment:**   
  
**\*READ THE SYLLABUS AND REVIEW “Course Content” ON Canvas**

**I. CIVIL WRONGS: TORT AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

**CLASS 1 Corporate Existence and Liability: An Exercise in Legal Fiction and Self-Regulation**

**8/28**

**Topics:**  The legal attributes of a corporation; capital structure; types of securities: formal and functional characteristics; theories of corporate entity liability including respondeat superior, fiduciary duty and conflicts of interest; corporate legal privileges; and, the criminalization of corporate conduct.

**Assignments:**

**text:** Klein and Coffee, pp. 112-118; 122-27; 131-41; 177-185

**canvas:**

\*Article: George Kuney, “Everything I needed to Know About Enron I Learned in Kindergarten (and Graduate School)”

\*read all case excerpts:

*N.Y. Central and Hudson River R.R. Co. v. U.S.;*

*U.S. v. Bank of New England;*

*Upjohn v. U.S.; Braswell v. U.S;*

*Brown v. Wells Fargo*

**LAW 67100 –RXC: Prof. Joseph Ankus**

Legal Analysis and Writing

First Week Assignment:   
  
No first week assignment.

**LAW 50000 –U01: Prof. Tawia Ansah**

Contracts A and C

First Week Assignment:

Texts:

1. Knapp, Crystal, Prince, Problems in Contract Law, 10th Edition. – **required**.
2. Knapp, Crystal, Prince, Rules of Contract Law, Statutory Supplement (Aspen) 2017-2018 (earlier version is okay) – **required**.
3. Brian Blum, Contracts: Examples and Explanations (7th Edition or other) (Aspen) – **optional/recommended**.

For the first hour of the class: please read Chapter 1. Attempt the questions, including Problem 1.1 (p.4), Problem 1.2 (p.18), and Review Questions (p.22).

For the second hour of the class: please read, and prepare to brief and discuss in class, the following cases in Chapter 2, Section A: Mutual Assent:

* Ray v. Eurice Bros.
* Lonergan v. Scolnick.
* Normile v. Miller.

Be sure to read all the notes before and after each case. Also, review the week’s reading assignments and learning activities in the “Modules” section of the course Canvas page.

**LAW 50000 –U02: Prof. Scott Norberg**

Contracts

First Week Assignment:

No first week assignments.

**LAW 5100 –U10: Prof. Phyllis Kotey**

Criminal Law

**First Week Assignment:**  
Text: Joshua Dressler & Stephen P. Garvey, *Criminal Law Cases and Materials*

pp. 1 – 94: Chapter 1 and Chapter 2

**LAW 52590 –U10: Prof. Tawia Ansah**

Intro International & Comp Law

First Week Assignment:

Text:

Dunoff, Hakimi, Ratner, and Wippman, International Law: Norms, Actors, Process. A problem-Oriented Approach. 5th Edition (Wolters Kluwer, 2020).

For the first class, please read pp. 1-31.

For the second class, please read pp. 31-63.

**LAW 55010 –U01: Prof. Thomas Baker**

Constitutional Law – Section A

First Week Assignment:

For the first-class meeting, Wednesday, August 21st:

* Access the course on Canvas and familiarize yourself with that platform and that content the week before classes. *See generally* [*FIU Student Guide to Canvas*](https://fiuhelp.force.com/canvas/s/categories-student).
* *Read and admire* the Constitution of the United States.
* *Read* the Preface in the Gershman casebook. *Prepare* pages 1-40 in the casebook.
* *Read* the Preface to Storm Center now and the read rest of the book — like you would read a novel — before the end of September.

During the Semester, we will cover Chapters 1-6 & 8, but we will skip some material in Chapters 1. The standing assignment is to stay 30-pages-plus-one-principal-case ahead of where we leave off each session. Sign-up sheets for presenting cases in class are available in the Chapter Modules on Canvas. We need students to sign up to present cases in Chapter 1 ASAP — before classes begin — for the first week. A *Memorandum on How to Present a Case* is available on Canvas. Additional sign-ups for later chapters will be posted later on Canvas. If you have any technical problems with Canvas, contact one of the Webmasters: Chase Buchanan ([cbuch021@fiu.edu](mailto:cbuch021@fiu.edu)) or Andrew Salky ([asalk005@fiu.edu](mailto:asalk005@fiu.edu)).

Case presentations, class participation, and 48-hour quizzes will inform my discretion to adjust your course grade one increment up or down (*e.g.*, B+ up to A- or A down to A-). *See* *Academic Policies and Regulations* § 1004. Your course grade will consist of a comparative constitutional law essay (10%) available on Canvas and due November 13, 2024, and a final examination (90%) that will consist of multiple-choice questions on December 4, 2024.

* Class will begin at 10:20 a.m. and end at approximately 12:20 p.m.
* Do not enter the front door late, i.e., if I have begun to teach; enter through the back door and take a seat there, so as not to disturb the class.
* Regular class attendance is expected. *See Academic Policies and Regulations* §§ 501-502. Missing an occasional class is understandable and unremarkable. But if you expect to miss more than the occasional class, send me an email with an explanation.
* Do not wear a hat during class.

**LAW 55010 –U02: Prof. Elizabeth Foley**

Constitutional Law

First Week Assignment:

**PLEASE NOTE:  LAPTOPTS/TABLETS MAY NOT BE USED IN THIS CLASS.**Please silence your phones.

 The following page numbers correspond to the required casebook, *Barnett & Blackman, Constitutional Law: Cases in Context* (4th ed. 2021).

**Class 1 (Thursday, Aug. 18):   INTRODUCTION TO THE CONSTITUTION & DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE:** Peruse and admire the Constitution, pp. xxxiii-xlix of the Barnett casebook. Also read pp. 3-30 of the casebook (up to Section 6 on “The Federalist Papers”).  These readings provide background to the purpose of the Constitution and the political philosophy that animates it.

 Class 2 (Friday, Aug. 19):  INTRODUCTION TO THE BILL OF RIGHTS:  Read pp. 44-60 of the casebook. Also read Barron v. Baltimore, pp. 142 (beginning in Section D --“Did the BOR Apply to the States?”) to 147.  These readings will familiarize you with the debate surrounding the Bill of Rights, their purpose, and their limitation

**LAW 55010 –U10: Prof. Ediberto Roman**

Constitutional Law

First Week Assignment:   
  
No first week assignment.

**LAW 57000 –RVC: Prof. Michele Anglade**

Torts

**First Week Assignment:**   
  
Torts:  The required text for this class is Dobbs, Hayden and Bublick, Torts and Compensation, Concise edition, 9th ed., (West 2022).

There are several versions of this textbook; please be sure that you are using the correct edition (9th and Concise).

For our first class meeting, read pp. 3 - 27 (Chapters 1 and 2) of the Dobbs texbook.

**LAW 57000 –U01: Prof. John Erwin**

Torts

**First Week Assignment:**   
  
Torts A

* + Class 1 (Aug 19)
    - Dobbs, Hayden, and Bublick (DHB): 3-27
    - Restatement (Rst): 1-8
    - Additional Readings posted to Canvas: "How to Brief a Case"
  + Class 2 (Aug 20)
    - DHB: 31-49
    - Rst: 10-23

**LAW 57920 –U01, U02, U03, U04, U05, U10: Prof. Marci Rosenthal,**

Legal Skills & Values I

**First Week Assignment:**  
**LSV I -- All sections**

**Assignments for the First Week**

Class 1:

1. In your textbook (**Christine Coughlin et al., *A Lawyer Writes* (4th ed. 2024)**), read the Introduction (pp. xxi-xxii) and Chapter 1 (“How Attorneys Communicate”).
2. On the **FIU Law Library website**, read the following materials, available under the **Professionalism Standards** tab:

* Oath of Admission to The Florida Bar
* The Florida Bar Creed of Professionalism
* Rules Regulating The Florida Bar:
  + Rule 4-1.1: Competence
  + Rule 4-1.3: Diligence
  + Rule 4-8.1: Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters
  + Rule 4-8.4: Misconduct

*Note: To locate the assigned Florida Bar materials, click on the “****Professionalism Standards****” tab of the* [*Henry Latimer Professionalism library guide*](https://libguides.law.fiu.edu/henrylatimerguide) *on the FIU Law Library’s website. To access the assigned Florida Bar Rules, which are located in Chapter 4 of the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar,* ***click first*** *on “Florida Bar Rules” on the* ***Professionalism Standards*** *page, and then on Chapter 4 under “View Individual Chapters.”*

1. Recommended reading: Suzanne E. Rowe, Legal Research, Legal Writing, and Legal Analysis: Putting Law School into Practice, posted in the modules on your LSV professor’s Canvas course page.

**If you are a part-time student, the following assignments are also for Week 1.**  For full-time students, these assignments are for Class 2:

1. In your textbook (**Christine Coughlin et al., *A Lawyer Writes* (4th ed. 2024)**), read pp. 33-34 in Chapter 3 (“Reading for Comprehension”). Skim Chapter 3.2 (“Reading Judicial Opinions,” pp. 45-64).
2. Carefully read the Comprehensive Course Syllabus and submit your Student Information form. During or shortly before Class 1, your individual LSV professor will provide you with information about accessing these documents.

**LAW 60310 –RVC: Prof. Jorge Esquirol**

Payment Systems

**First Week Assignment:**Introduction: Negotiability            --   August 20

pp. 651- 662 (CL); or 1-11 (PC)

Requisites for Negotiable Instruments       --   August 22

pp. 662- 675 (CL); or 11-25 (PC)

Textbooks:  (1) Commercial Law, 10th Edition, Warren and Walt, Foundation Press (2019). ISBN: 9781683289364  (“CL”)

**OR,** students enrolled only in this course and not the companion Secured Transactions course (Fall 2024)  may purchase the abbreviated version of the textbook:

Payments and Credits ("PC"), 10th Edition.  Warren and Walt, Foundation Press (2019). ISBN: 9780314907127

AND

(2) Walt's Commercial Law: Selected Statutes 2024-25. ISBN-13: 9798892090827

**LAW 60380 –U01: Prof. Marc Powers**

Financial Technology Law

First Week Assignment:   
  
No first week assignment.

**LAW 60510 –RVC: Prof. Jorge Esquirol**

Secured Transactions

First Week Assignment:

Introduction        --   August 19

pp. 1-13, or 3-15 (CL)

 Attachment        --   August 21

pp. 13-22, or 15-24 (CL)

Textbooks:  (1) Commercial Law, 10th Edition, Warren and Walt, Foundation Press (2019). ISBN: 9781683289364  (“CL”)

**OR,** students enrolled only in this course and not the companion Payment Systems course (Fall 2024)  may purchase the abbreviated version of the textbook:

Secured Transactions in Personal Property, 10th Edition.  Warren and Walt, Foundation Press (2019). ISBN:978-1-68328-948-7

AND

(2) Walt's Commercial Law: Selected Statutes 2024-25. ISBN-13: 9798892090827

**LAW 60600 –RVC: Prof. Jerry Markham**

Business Organizations

First Week Assignment:   
  
No first week assignment.

**LAW 61050 –U01: Prof. Emaleigh Hutchinson**

Death Penalty Law

First Week Assignment:

LAW6105 U01 1248: Death Penalty Law – Fall 2024

Wednesdays, 2 – 3.50pm, RDB 2002

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• Office Hours: By appointment

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• Office Hours: By appointment

First Week Assignment

1. Watch the following interview with death penalty attorney, David

Martin https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L5cFKpjRnXE&t=4s

2. Chapter 1 – Introduction to Capital Punishment, pp. 3-9

3. Chapter 2 – The Death Penalty Debate, pp. 9-23

4. Chapter 3 – Sources of Law, pp. 25-28

5. Chapter 26 – The Death Penalty in a Global Context, pp. 461-473

6. PDF: Case of Manuel Babbitt (On Canvas)

7. PDF: DPIC Death Penalty Overview graphic

8. PDF: Florida Death Penalty Overview graphic (on Canvas)

9. Gorman, H. L. & Ravenscroft, M. (2020). Hurricane Florida: The Hot and Cold

Fronts of America’s Most Active Death Row. Columbia Human Rights Law

<http://hrlr.law.columbia.edu/hrlr/hurricane-florida-the-hot-and-cold-fronts-of-americas-most-active-death-row/>

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Course Textbook

Available online:

<https://fiu.libraryreserve.com/10/1334/en/ContentDetails.htm?id=F67097A%09C-714A-48C6-AD74-6177B507BFFD>

Deadline: Week 1 – 21-Aug-24 (before class is best to be prepared for in-class tasks).

**LAW 61060 –U01: Prof. Emaleigh Hutchinson**

Death Penalty Clinic

First Week Assignment:

LAW6106 U01 1248: Death Penalty Clinic – Fall 2024

Wednesdays, 4 – 5.50pm, RDB 1004

Instructor Information

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First Week Assignments

1. Complete and sign Balanced Justice Staff Agreement - you will not be able to access

any of BJP’s systems until this is completed.

2. Read:

a.<https://fiuditmy.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/hgorman_fiu_edu/EUjHp8XhxhZNj4Kll4Fu5QkBOIto5Pl_FxqXdtXhBtpdUw?e=HCOwvv>

b. And practice navigating our resource folder: Induction Memo which covers the

basics of our different platforms and how we access them, as well as summaries

of BJP’s different projects. You can find this memo by navigating to the BJP One

Drive -> Resources –> How Tos - > 2022\_04\_21\_Resources – Memo Induction.

Review this memo once you navigate to it.

Updated 15-Jul-24

3. Check access/familiarize self with Balanced Justice Project Microsoft Teams Page

(provided you have completed BJP staff agreement and received invite). Watch

Teams/SharePoint Orientation Webinar (if you require some additional Teams support).

4. For video conferencing etiquette please review article on zooming (video conferencing) etiquette

5. Start your clinic timesheet and workflow document & sign up for ClinicCases:

a. Open the template Timesheet & Workflow document which can be found via

Teams BJP Page -> General -> Timesheets & Workflows Folder.

b. Immediately save a new copy of the document using our file naming convention

(explained in induction memos above and syllabus) in your own name. Please

do not change the name of the template document and do not write over the

template document. Please double check you understand the file naming

convention.

c. Complete the document in full having mind to the different worksheets: the

Activity Log is for your activity and time spent which you do not need to fill out,

unless it is helpful for you to do so (all hours will be recorded on ClinicCases).

The Task List is for listing all of the tasks you have been allocated or things you

need to do. Use of the Task List is required so that professors and other BJP

staff are able to quickly ascertain what tasks you have been allocated. You will

need to keep this document up to date throughout semester and will be expected

to report your hours weekly via our meeting/teams chat.

d. ClinicCases is the website that all FIU clinics use to track time throughout the

semester. Follow the “Need an account?” prompt on the homepage if you have

not already received an email with login information. You must use this account

to track your time. Professors and Clinic Faculty have access to view timesheets,

so you must ensure yours is kept up to date over the course of the semester.

6. (Re)read:

a. Gorman, H. L. & Ravenscroft, M. (2020). Hurricane Florida: The Hot and Cold

Fronts of America’s Most Active Death Row. Columbia Human Rights Law

Review, 51.3, 937.

b. John H. Blume & Russell Stetler, Mitigation Matters, Tell the Client’s Story:

Mitigation in Criminal and Death Penalty Cases (Edward Monhan & James Clark

editors; American Bar Association), 18-03 Cornell Legal Studies Research Paper

19 (2017), <https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3091902>

c. Florida Statute 921.141

7. Watch:

a. Self-care webinar.

b. Videos on First Degree Murder Case Review/Death Penalty Basics:

i. Briefing - Margot Ravenscroft - introduction to Amicus and The Death

Penalty (skip provided completed DP Class but google “Amicus” who are

a partner of one of our projects.)

ii. Training FCCR 01

iii. Training FCCR 02  
iv. Training FCCR 03  
v. Training FCCR 04 (Optional should you want the additional practice).

All videos are accessible via SharePoint. You will receive an invite to the clinic  
SharePoint via your FIU email to access (provided you have completed the BJP staff agreement form in 1 above). All videos are accessible, once you have  
permissions, via: FIU LAW Clinic - Training Videos - All Documents  
(sharepoint.com). If not accessible, links will be provided in first class.

Whilst you go through these videos, please review the following cases in  
preparation for our in-class discussion:

• Dwight Eaglin, Charlotte County  
• Marc Berkowitz, Broward County  
• Peter Avsenew, Broward County  
• Sonny Boy Oats, Marion County

Note: Please ensure that consult the court(s) docket and before cross  
referencing the first-degree murder database entry for this individual.  
Please do not make any changes to the database directly for the purposes of our in-class discussion. If there are updates to be made, please note them. Please be prepared to answer the following questions (using the database coding where appropriate and in your own words) during class:

i. Individual Name, Gender & Race  
ii. County & Circuit  
iii. Legal Team (indigent or not, public – PD or JAC/private/pro bono,  
office/firm) – attorneys, mitigation specialist, investigator etc.…  
iv. Charge/Conviction  
v. Death Penalty Status  
vi. Case Posture  
vii. Overview (brief – 1-2 sentences) of Case History/Proceedings  
viii. Overview (brief – 1-2 sentences) of Case Facts  
ix. Judge  
x. State Attorney  
xi. Deceased Name, Gender & Race.  
xii. Updates to be made to BJP’s databases/record collection system.

c. Processing Training Videos (7 in total – located on OneDrive in the Resources -> How Tos)

d. Review How Tos for further relevant training videos for incoming death penalty clinic students.

8. Navigate to practice Memo titled 2022\_10\_18\_MSmith – MTG.Cl.GE.HG on internal Teams page –> DP Clinic –> Files. Review this memo with an eye toward fullyprocessing it as a group during first meeting.

9. Additional reading if you would like (not mandatory but helpful and provides additional support if want a reminder of key death penalty basics)

a. Tavassoli, K.Y. (2016) a. Secondary Trauma in Capital Trial Defense Practice for

Indigent Clients, ASU, <https://keep.lib.asu.edu/items/154461>

b. Death Penalty Key Law:

Furman v. Georgia, 408 U.S. 238 (1972)

Greg v Georgia, 428 U.S.153 (1976)

Hurst v. Florida, 577 U.S. \_\_\_ (2016)

Hurst v. State, 136 S.Ct. 616 (2016)

Poole v. State, 2020 WL 3116597 (Jan 23,2020)

c. Chapter 7 – The Death Penalty Trial of LINDA E. CARTER, ET AL.,

UNDERSTANDING CAPITAL PUNISHMENT LAW (4TH ED. 2018). Carolina

Academic Press: Durham,

North Carolina, ISBN: 978153100856

Available online:

<https://fiu.libraryreserve.com/10/1334/en/ContentDetails.htm?id=F67097A%09C-714A-48C6-AD74-6177B507BFFD>

Estimated time to complete all assigned tasks: 12-14 hours.

Administrative – staff agreement form, orientation, systems, agreement (1-2hrs)

Reading (2-3hrs)

Training Videos: 43 mins (Teams/Sharepoint), 45 mins; 35 mins; 37 mins, 1hr 27

(Reviewing a case & documenting using our database system) & 57 mins (5.5hrs)

Docket Reviews (1-2 hrs)

Timesheet (0.5 mins)

Deadline: Week 1 (before class is best to be prepared for in-class tasks).

Updated 15-Jul-24

**LAW 61120 –U01: Prof. Louis Schulze Jr.**

Criminal Procedure Investigation

**First Week Assignment:**   
  
1.       Sign-up on TWEN for CrimPro/ Schulze24.  Password:  Simpsons.

2.       Read the First Class Assignment, located on the TWEN under “Syllabus.”

3.       Read the syllabus carefully.

**LAW 61120 –U02: Prof. Scott Fingerhut**

Criminal Procedure Investigation

**First Week Assignment:**  
**Welcome to CRIMINAL PROCEDURE INVESTIGATION -- a mind-opening, soul-expanding, awesomely inspiring experience like none other you will have in law school.**

**Monday, August 19, 2024 (FIRST LECTURE)**

**Please read Chapter 1 in our main course text,** [**Criminal Procedure and the Constitution: Leading Supreme Court Cases and Introductory Text**](https://www.westacademic.com/Criminal-Procedure-and-the-Constitution-Leading-Supreme-Court-Cases-and-Introductory-Text-2023)**, by Israel, Kamisar, LaFave, King, Primus, and Kerr (2023 Edition).**

**Please also read pages 256-258, and included therein footnote 5, from** [***United States v. Wade*, 388 U.S. 218 (1967)**](https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/388/218/#tab-opinion-1946739)**.**

**And please read**[**The Federalist Papers: No. 51 (1788)**](https://avalon.law.yale.edu/18th_century/fed51.asp)**.**

**Tuesday, August 20, 2024 (SECOND LECTURE)**

**Please read our entire secondary course text -- what I refer to as "The $5 Book":** [***The U.S. Constitution And Fascinating Facts About It***](https://www.constitutionfacts.com/us-pocket-constitution/)**, Supplemental Text by Terry L. Jordan (Eighth Edition).**

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**Note: In Crim Pro Investigation, *laptops are permitted solely for the purpose of engaging in our classwork*.  Students are also expected each class to have with them/access to (whether by hard copy or computer) *all* relevant materials assigned and may be covere in lecture.**

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**LAW 6233 –RVC: Prof. Hannibal Travis**

Computer & Internet Law

**First Week Assignment:**   
  
Read [Handouts 1-2](https://lawschool.westlaw.com/DocForums/ViewSingleDocument.aspx?postingID=19622071&courseID=320786) (also available at <https://tinyurl.com/cil2024handouts1to2>  )

**LAW 62640 –U01: Prof. Juan Gomez**

Immigration Law

First Week Assignment:   
  
Professor will provide assignments.

**LAW 62910 –RVC: Prof. Timothy Ravich**

Aviation and Space Law

First Week Assignment:   
  
No first week assignment.

**LAW 63020 –U01: Prof. Howard Wasserman**

Federal Courts

**First Week Assignment:**Go to fiufedcourts.blogspot.com

**LAW 63050 –U01: Prof. Ediberto Roman**

Remedies

First Week Assignment:   
  
No first week assignment.

**LAW 63100 –U01: Prof. Dennis Klein**

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First Week Assignment:

<https://law.fiu.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2024/08/First-Class-Assignment-Dennis-Klein-2024.pdf>

**LAW 63160 –U10: Prof. Eduardo Palmer/ Prof. Richard Lorenzo**

Int'l Commercial Arbitration

**First Week Assignment:**  
**Textbook: Gary B. Born, International Commercial Arbitration Cases and Materials, 3rd Ed., ISBN 9781543804249, Aspen Publishing.**

Wednesday, August 21, 2024, Chapter One, Introduction to International Arbitration, Sections A & B.

Thursday, August 22, 2024, Chapter One, Introduction to International Arbitration, Sections C-G.

**LAW 63300 –U01: Prof. Howard Wasserman**

Evidence

**First Week Assignment:**  
Go to fiuevidence.blogspot.com

**LAW 63300 –U02: Prof. Eric Carpenter**

Evidence

**First Week Assignment:**  
"For Wednesday, Aug. 21: Read the class syllabus and “Introduction to Evidence” (in the "evidence pack") and watch the Introduction to Evidence PowerPoint lecture. All of these are available in this Google Drive: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/10z-b7dB3L-kXSjYRHYKq7mqeDKNgBtN3?usp=sharing> Once the course starts, we will be using Canvas. In addition, skim State v. Mitchell, which is the first case in Evidence in Context; read FRE 102, 1102; read FRE 601, 602, 701, 704; read Understanding Evidence (UE) ch. 23, §24.06 (through [A]); read FRE 901(a), (b)(1); read UE §§ 26.07, 27.08, 28.01.

 For Thursday, Aug. 22: read “The Role of Arguments at Trial” (chapter 1 of Trial Advocacy: Inferences, Arguments and Techniques by Moore, Bergman, and Binder), available in the Google Drive. Also, look up the movie "A Few Good Men" in Wikipedia and read the plot summary."

**LAW 63500 –U10: Prof. Raul Ruiz**

Law & Procedure: US & Florida

First Week Assignment:

Week of 8.21.24: Introduction

Topics Covered: (1) Course Introduction

Assignments for First Class:

(1) Log into Canvas at https://canvas.fiu.edu . Complete all the assignments for the modules titled “Before the Semester Begins.”

(2) Read the Syllabus.

(3) Be ready to succeed on the bar exam!

**LAW 63610 –U10: Prof. Scott Fingerhut**

Pre-Trial Practice

First Week Assignment:

**Pretrial Practice**

**Welcome to PRETRIAL PRACTICE -- an experience unlike any other you will have in law school.**

**Here are our first week assignments:**

**Monday, August 19, 2024 (FIRST LECTURE)**

**From our course text,** [**Pretrial Advocacy: Planning, Analysis, and Strategy**](https://www.aspenpublishing.com/BergerPretrial6e)**(Sixth Edition), please readChapter 1 (“The Pretrial Advocate’s World”).  Note: You may purchase an e-copy of this text, if available and you prefer.**

**From the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, read the** [**Preamble; Scope; and Terminology**](https://www.floridabar.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Ch-4-2019_04-Oct-12-2018-RRTFB.pdf)**in Chapter 4 (“A Lawyer’s Responsibilities,” pages 1-5 of the pdf).**

**Please also read the** [**Preamble: A Lawyer's Responsibilities; and Scope**](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/professional_responsibility/publications/model_rules_of_professional_conduct/model_rules_of_professional_conduct_preamble_scope.html)**of the American Bar Association’s Model Rules of Professional Conduct.**

**Read as well The Florida Bar's** [**Creed of Professionalism**](https://www.floridabar.org/prof/presources/creed-of-professionalism/)**.**

**From the** [**Guidelines for Professional Conduct**](https://www.floridabar.org/prof/regulating-professionalism/presources002/)**of Trial Lawyers Section of The Florida Bar, read their Preamble and General Principles.**

**And finally, please also read:**

**-- from *In re: Aldo A. Pina*, pages 1-38 of** [**this**](https://abi-opinions.s3.amazonaws.com/Pina.pdf)**court order;**

**-- this lawyer's Florida Bar disciplinary history, which you may access** [**here**](https://www.floridabar.org/public/acap/disc-docs/?icn=201870160&member=117515)**and** [**here**](https://www.floridabar.org/public/acap/disc-docs/?icn=202190004&member=117515)**; and**

**--** [**this**](https://www.miaminewtimes.com/media/pdf/bravechurchlawsuit.pdf)**complaint in *The Peninsular Florida District Council of The Assemblies of God, Inc., v. Brave Church of Miami, Inc. et al*.**

**Tuesday, August 20, 2024 (SECOND LECTURE)**

**From our course text, please read Chapter 15 ("The Cases and Assignments"), including, ON-LINE, the *entire* two case files (both criminal and civil).  While on-line, please also familiarize yourself with Chapter 15's other available material.  Access to this and all of our course text's on-line offerings is explained inside the cover of your text, wherein you will be provided with your access code and direction to create your account with** [**www.casebookconnect.com**](http://www.casebookconnect.com)**.**

**Also, please review the legal/litigation analytics services offered per this mere sampling of websites:**

[**https://pro.bloomberglaw.com/legal-analytics/**](https://pro.bloomberglaw.com/legal-analytics/)

[**https://www.clio.com/blog/legal-analytics/**](https://www.clio.com/blog/legal-analytics/)

[**https://premonition.ai**](https://premonition.ai/)

[**https://lexmachina.com**](https://lexmachina.com/)

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**LAW 63720 –U10: Prof. Rima Mullins**

Adv Appellate Advocacy

**First Week Assignment:**

Required Reading: The Course Description, Competition Rules, and Syllabus;

The Intramural Competition

Problem and Record (available on Canvas).

**LAW 64250 –U01: Prof. Larry Leiby**

Construction Law

First Week Assignment:

No first week assignment.

**LAW 64260 –U10: Prof. Linda Larrea**

Real Est Trans

**First Week Assignment:**  
The first week assignment (in preparation for class) is as follows:

**Homework in preparation for Lesson 1:**

Ch.1 pp 1-9 (including Problem 1A)

Ch. 2 pp 27-33, 42-44, 46-47, 50-52

**Additional Material** (Canvas): Exclusive Right of Sale Listing Agreement

 Florida Bar Ethics Opinion 88-15

**LAW 64300 –U01: Prof. Eloisa Rodriguez-Dod**

Wills and Trusts

**First Week Assignment:**  
I. Required Book (“Casebook”)

1. Marty-Nelson, Rodriguez-Dod, Richmond, Litman, and Maurer, **FLORIDA WILLS, TRUSTS, & ESTATES CASES AND MATERIALS (Carolina Academic Press 5th ed.)** ISBN-13:  978-1-5310-2879-4

2.  In-house, **Statutory Supplement Florida Wills, Trusts & Estates Cases and Materials (Fall 2024)**. Please note the in-house spiral-bound statutory supplement will be the only material you will be permitted to bring in and use during the final exam for this course. For the exam, the supplement may be annotated only in the student’s own handwriting. This Statutory Supplement will be purchased from my administrative assistant, Rebeca Payo. You may contact her at payor@fiu.edu or (305) 348-7368 for information on purchasing Statutory Supplement.

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| **Class** | **Date** | **Topics** | **Reading Assignments** |
| 1 | Monday 8/19 | Probate and Gross Estates; Surviving Spouses | Read pages 3-18 in Chapter 1, pages 19-29 in Chapter 2, all the statutes referenced under “Statutory References” in the beginning of Chapter 1, and Fla. Stat. §§731.103; 732.101; 732.102; and 741.211. |
| 2 | Tuesday 8/20 | Intestate Estates | Read pages 30-42 in Chapter 2 and Fla. Stat. §§731.103; 731.201 (“Beneficiary”), (“Child”), (“Collateral Heir”), (“Descendant”), (“Heirs”), (“Parent”); 732.101; 732.102; 732.103; 732.104; 732.107; and 732.611. |

**LAW 64710 –U01: Prof. John Erwin**

Environmental Law

First Week Assignment:

* Environmental Law
  + Class 1 (Aug 19)
    - Aagaard, Owen, and Pidot (AOP): 1-26
    - AOP Supplement (posted on Canvas): S-1 - S-2 (sub for pg 21)
  + Class 2 (Aug 20)
    - AOP: 27-59
    - Additional Readings posted to Canvas:
      * "Environmentalism's Racist History"
      * Executive Order 14,096

**LAW 65070 –RVC: Prof. Samuel Londono**

Natl Sec Law and the Constitution

First Week Assignment:   
  
No first week assignment.

**LAW 65500 –U01: Prof. Hannibal Travis**

Antitrust Law

First Week Assignment:

Read Handout 1 on Canvas

 I certify that I have evaluated my syllabus for my Antitrust Law course to ensure that the required coursework reasonably approximates the amount of work required by the Bylaws definition of ‘credit hours.’”

**LAW 65760 –U01: Prof. Michael Chesal**

Trademarks and GI

**First Week Assignment:**   
  
The reading assignment for the first class is pages 1-26 in Beebe [ [http://tmcasebook.org/](https://urldefense.com/v3/__http:/tmcasebook.org/__;!!FjuHKAHQs5udqho!MvaXb0pHvGVZQEP4l-rUqo_epcerkrqavgByfElbQJ-J6_0Xb9L_svGx2oKaDFdPrra2utBeFJho1dwt$) ].  You can skip the “Comments and Questions” on page 7.  You also only need to skim pages 11-26.

Please be prepared to discuss the Supreme Court’s opinion in the *Trade-Mark Cases*, 100 U.S. 82 (1879) (pp. 8-11 in Beebe).

**LAW 65830 –U01: Prof. Isis Carbajal De Gracia**

Education Law

First Week Assignment:   
  
Chapter 1, The Law of Higher Education: Essentials for Legal and Administrative Practice textbook.

Please also be prepared to discuss the following case:

 Krynicky v. University of Pittsburgh, 742 F.2d 94 (3rd Cir. 1984)

**LAW 65840 –U10: Prof. Michael Valdes**

Election Law

First Week Assignment:

No first week assignment.

**LAW 66000 –U10: Prof. Alexander Martini**

Federal Income Tax

**First Week Assignment:**

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| **Source** | **Reading** |
| Fundamentals of Federal Income Taxation: Cases and Materials (20th ed.), Lind, Lathrope & Field | Chapter 1 |
| U.S. Constitution | Article I, sec. 8 & 9; 16th Amendment |
|  |  |
| Fundamentals of Federal Income Taxation: Cases and Materials (20th ed.), Lind, Lathrope & Field | Chapter 2 |
| Internal Revenue Code | 61 |
| Treasury Regulations | 1.61-1, 1.61-2, 1.61-14 |
| Case | Moore v. United States, 144 S.Ct. 1680 (2024) |

**LAW 67020 –U01: Prof. Ediberto Roman**

Products Liability

First Week Assignment:

No first week assignment.

**LAW 67100 –U10: Prof. Scott Bernstein**

Family Law

**First Week Assignment:**  
*The Course Syllabus is subject to change. Any updates will be provided in class or via email.*

To prepare for class, read any assigned casebook chapters or sections first, followed by Florida Statutes, then followed by any case law. The casebook is intended to provide a theoretical background. The cases are to assist you in interpreting the statutes. The classroom discussions will help put the theory, the statutes and the case law into practice.

Attendance is governed by the Academic Policies and Regulations of the FIU College of Law. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that attendance is properly recorded and that the attendance requirements are met.

Final grades will be based upon the final exam, classroom assignments, and classroom participation. Pursuant to the Academic Policies and Regulations of the FIU College of Law, grades may be adjusted based upon classroom performance.

**LAW 67230 –U10: Prof. Karin Batista**

Community Lawyering

First Week Assignment:   
  
No first week assignment.

**LAW 67410 –RVC: Prof. Eric Carpenter**

Military Justice

**First Week Assignment:**  
"Work through the "Module 0: Getting Started" and "Unit One: Class Overview and Introduction" modules in Canvas. This should take somewhere between 4-8 hours, so budget the time for that. You will be watching a movie, reading a case, reading some news articles, and answering some questions. All of the materials you need are in Canvas. In our first synchronous session, we will cover the questions that you work on."

**LAW 67500 –U01: Prof. Robert Scavone Jr.**

**Professional Responsibility**

First Week Assignment:   
  
Read: [Oath of Admission to The Florida Bar](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/www.floridabar.org/prof/regulating-professionalism/oath-of-admission/__;!!FjuHKAHQs5udqho!Iw6kyId2bmSHNpfXpKU6-IYgQHd30x4Z-545a2o9OycYsWkBcLegSvv0hJd26G9c99o3Wl4AdlNTBHKNVoONPuZkOg$), [Preamble to the Rules of Professional Conduct](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/professional_responsibility/publications/model_rules_of_professional_conduct/model_rules_of_professional_conduct_preamble_scope/), [ABA Rule 1.0](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/professional_responsibility/publications/model_rules_of_professional_conduct/rule_1_0_terminology/), [Lawyer Discipline - A Roadmap to Florida’s Lawyer Regulation System](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/www.floridabar.org/the-florida-bar-journal/lawyer-discipline-a-roadmap-to-floridas-lawyer-regulation-system/__;!!FjuHKAHQs5udqho!Iw6kyId2bmSHNpfXpKU6-IYgQHd30x4Z-545a2o9OycYsWkBcLegSvv0hJd26G9c99o3Wl4AdlNTBHKNVoMaZz4dpQ$), by Brian D. Burgoon; [Florida Bar Professionalism Expectations](https://www.floridabar.org/prof/regulating-professionalism/professionalism-expectations-2/).

Casebook: Pgs. 1-15

**LAW 67510 –U10: Prof. Jordan Dollar**

Law Firm Management

First Week Assignment:

E-Myth Attorney - Chapters 1 - 4

Review content of Florida Bar Legalfuel.com - [www.legalfuel.com](http://www.legalfuel.com)

**LAW 67830 –U01: Prof. Raul Ruiz**

Adv Legal Analysis

First Week Assignment:

Week of 8.21.24: Introduction

Topics Covered: (1) Course Introduction

Assignments for First Class:

(1) Log into Canvas at https://canvas.fiu.edu . Complete all the

assignments for the modules titled “Before the Semester Begins.”

(2) Watch Themis General MBE Approach Parts 1 and 2. You will

receive an email with access to this program.

(3) Be ready to succeed on the bar exam!

**LAW 67970 –U01, U: Professors: Delionado, Ankus, Bacigalupo, Brener, Burgos, DaPonte, Hardmon, and Nader**

Legal Skills & Values III

First Week Assignment:   
  


**LAW 67980 –RVC: Prof. Ana Toftnielsen**

ALR

First Week Assignment:   
  
No First Week Assignment.

**LAW 68000 –U10: Prof. Gilberto Guerrero Rocca**

**International Arbitration Competition (IAC) – Madrid**

**First Week Assignment:**

1. Guerrero-Rocca, Gilberto A. “The Relevance of the CISG in Settling International

Arbitration Claims Arising Due to COVID-19 in Absence of Force Majeure and Hardship

Clauses” World Arbitration & Mediation Review (WAMR). 2021. Vol 13.2. (English

version).

2. Guerrero-Rocca, Gilberto A. “Las Ventajas de la CISG en Arbitrajes que Involucran

Países No-Signatarios en tiempos de COVID-19” https://ciarglobal.com/arbitraje-

internacional-al-rescate-de-la-cisg-en-tiempos-del-covid-19/ (En CASTELLANO)

3. CISG (Spanish version)

 

**LAW 68000 –U11: Prof. Marc Labgold**

IAC

First Week Assignment:   
  
No first week assignment.

**LAW 68240 –RVC: Prof. Laura Reich**

Intl Legal Research

First Week Assignment:   
  
No first week assignment.

**LAW 69360 –U01: Prof. Jose Gabilondo**

Seminars

First Week Assignment:   
  
Professor Gabilondo will send students the first week assignment by email.

**LAW 69360 –U02: Prof. Michelle Mason**

Seminars

First Week Assignment:   
  
No first week assignment.

**LAW 69360 –U03: Prof. Raul Ruiz**

Seminars

First Week Assignment:

The first assignment for the AI & The Law seminar class is:

Week of 8.21.24: Introduction

Please watch the following videos and read the following materials

prior to our first class meeting:

Watch:

Early Programming: Crash Course Computer Science #10

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwDq4adJwzM (9:26)

Netflix, “Explained” Coding https://www.facebook.com/Vox/videos/vox-netflix-

codingexplained/1139535146251449/

Frontline: In the Age of AI (PBS Nov. 5, 2019) (Stop after Part 1 at 21:40)

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/in-the-age-of-ai/>

But What Is A Neural Network?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aircAruvnKk>

Required Readings:

Harry Surden, Artificial Intelligence and Law: An Overview, 35 Georgia State U. L.

Rev. 4

(2019) (Part I ONLY); <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3411869>

David Lehr & Paul Ohm, Playing with the Data: What Legal Scholars Should Learn

About

Machine Learning, 51 U.C. Davis L. Rev. 653, 669–702 (2017) (Part II ONLY),

<https://lawreview.law.ucdavis.edu/issues/51/2/Symposium/51-2_Lehr_Ohm.pdf>

**LAW 69360 –U10: Prof. Phyllis Kotey**

Seminars: Caribbean Law

**First Week Assignment:**  
*Text: Rose-Marie Belle Antoine, Commonwealth Caribbean Law and Legal Systems (2d ed. 2008):* Chapter 1

**LAW 69360 –U11: Prof. Juan Gomez**

Seminars

First Week Assignment:   
  
Professor will provide.

**LAW 69430 –U10: Prof. Juan Gomez**

Immigration Clinic

First Week Assignment:   
  
Professor will provide.

**LAW 69450 –RVC: Prof. Phyllis Kotey**

Criminal Externship Placement

**First Week Assignment:**   
  
All assignments as posted in Canvas.

**LAW 69480 –U10: Prof. John Little**

Business Tech Clinic

First Week Assignment:

No first week assignment.

**LAW 69490 –RVC: Prof. Michelle Mason**

Civil Externship Placement

First Week Assignment:   
  
No first week assignment.

**LAW 69490 –RVC: Prof. Phyllis Kotey**

Civil Externship Placement

**First Week Assignment:**  
All assignments as posted in Canvas

**LAW 69560 –U01: Prof. Lisa Davis**

Law Review: Senior Members

First Week Assignment:   
  
Mock editing assignment will be posted to Canvas and due Friday August 23, 2024.

**LAW 69570 –U01: Prof. Lisa Davis**

Law Review: Staff

First Week Assignment:   
  
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**LAW 69840 –RVC: Prof. Phyllis Kotey**

Judicial Externship Placement

**First Week Assignment:**   
  
All assignments as posted in Canvas

**LAW 72000 –U10: Prof. Rodolfo Pittaluga**

US Law I

First Week Assignment:

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| **Class 1.** **Introduction to the Common Law**. This lesson will focus on what is the common law, the historical underpinnings of the common law system, and its evolution into the legal system used today in the United States. | Aug. 22, 2024 | Student Introductions, Chapter 1, and App. 1 |

**LAW 73030 –U10: Prof. Jose Rodriguez**

Florida Civil Practice

First Week Assignment:   
  
8/19 read from p. 30 to p. 30

8/20 read from p. 30 to page 51

**LAW 73640 –U01: Prof. Harold Smith**

Advanced Trial Advocacy

**First Week Assignment:**  
**Tuesday, August 20, 2024 (FIRST PERFORMANCE)**

**Each student will present a five (5) minute Opening Statement.  The case -- which may be civil or criminal -- is about a fight between two (2) high school students on campus.  You must fill in all of the other facts.  I will be looking for presence, poise, a persuasive theory, a memorable theme, and the use of words that help the listener to see the action.**

**Advocacy Drills will also be performed in this session.  You must memorize the Pledge of Allegiance for use in one drill.  Other materials will be distributed.**

**Dress for this and all performance sessions is appropriate courtroom attire.**

**Thursday, August 22, 2024 (FIRST LECTURE)**

**In our main course text,** [**Trial Advocacy: Planning, Analysis, and Strategy**](https://www.aspenpublishing.com/berger_trialad_5e)**(Fifth Edition) students must read and outline Chapter 1 (The Message: Case Theory and Theme Development), pages 1-37.  Students shall turn in a copy of their outlines at the beginning of class.**

**In our supplemental text,** [***Florida Trial Objections***](https://store.legal.thomsonreuters.com/law-products/Treatises/Florida-Trial-Objections-6th/p/106622643)**(Sixth Edition), please read pp. 115-116 (Irrelevant) and p. 215 (90.401); pp. 144-145 (Prejudicial or Inflammatory) and p. 216 (90.403); and p. 12 (Assumes a Fact Not in Evidence).**

**Write one (1) page listing 12 commercial tag lines (for example, “Just Do it,” by Nike).  Students shall turn in a copy of their work during class.**

**Lastly, please listen**[**here**](https://www.nita.org/s/product/49-justice-at-trial-with-james-brosnahan/01tUm000001HLQrIAO)**to NITA Podcast 49: Justice at Trial, with James Brosnahan, from the beginning of the podcast through PAUSES around minute 43.Students are then to write an outline of the podcast portion listened to.**

**At the top of this and all written assignments, please place your name, date, Advanced Trial Advocacy, and the assignment.**

**Dress for this and all lecture sessions is appropriate law school attire.**

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**LAW 78130 –U10: Prof. Phyllis Kotey**

Community Law Teaching

First Week Assignment:

All assignments as posted in Canvas

**LAW 79300 –RVC: Prof. Raul Ruiz**

Special Topics

First Week Assignment:   
  
Week of 8.21.24: Introduction

Topics Covered: (1) Course Introduction

Assignments for First Class:

1. Log into Canvas at https://canvas.fiu.edu . Complete all the

assignments for the modules titled “Before the Semester Begins.”

(2) Read the Syllabus.

(3) Be ready to succeed on the bar exam!

**LAW 79300 –RVD: Prof. Jose Morcillo Gomez**

Special Topics

First Week Assignment:   
  
No first week assignment.

**LAW 79300 –U01: Prof. Andrew Tramont**

Special Topics

First Week Assignment:   
  
No first week assignment.

**LAW 79300 –U02: Prof. Paul Moore**

Special Topics

First Week Assignment:

No first week assignment.

**LAW 79300 –U03: Prof. Joseph Ankus**

Special Topics Emotional Intelligence & Effective Communication Skills For Lawyers

**First Week Assignment:**  
**Chapter 1- Beyond Smart- Lawyering With Emotional Intelligence pp. 1-3, 20-24**

**Daicoff, Susan S., “Expanding The Lawyer’s Toolkit of Skills & Competencies” pp. 796-810; 814-839**

**The Daicoff article is found in Canvas**

**LAW 79300 –U04: Prof. Nicole Noonan**

Special Topics

First Week Assignment:   
  
No first week assignment.