# **Fall 2019 First Assignments**

## Widener Law Commonwealth



Please note that we will update this grid over the next month as the remaining professors finalize their first assignments for fall. Be sure to check back regularly starting on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

COURSE NAME	#/SEC	PROFESSOR	REQUIRED & RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOKS
Administrative Law	530-1	Schuckers	<b>Due Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup></b> Students should read pages 1-12 of the Lawson text and be prepared to answer the following: What is an agency? Where do agencies come from? What is the structure of federal agencies? In interpreting a statute, the courts should emphasize what factors? Students are also expected to read a newspaper the day before the first class and locate and be prepared to discuss an article involving a federal agency.
Animal Law	684-1	Lazo	<b>Due Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup></b> Please read pages 3-45 (Chapter 1) of <i>Animal Law</i> .
Business Organizations	631-1	Hussey	<b>Due Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup></b> Please sign up for the course page on TWEN. Also, read pages 1-24 of <i>Business Associations</i> and email your resumé to Professor Hussey at <u>mhussey@widener.edu</u> .
Business Planning	733-1	Weisberg	<b>Due Thursday, August 22nd</b> Please read pages 1-66 and 623-638 in the textbook.

Civil Procedure I	503-N	Family	<ul> <li>Due Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> (except where otherwise noted)</li> <li>Please sign up for the course on TWEN and do the readings below:</li> <li>Assignment for Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>: <ul> <li>Casebook: 332-349 (skip notes 2-3 on page 343 and skip notes and problems on pages 345-46)</li> <li>Whose Monet: 1-52</li> </ul> </li> <li>Assignment for Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>: <ul> <li>Casebook: 289-91; 361-70</li> <li>Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 1-3, 7, 8(a), 10 Please note: The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure are available online: <u>https://www.law.cornell.edu/rules/frcp.</u></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Civil Procedure I	503-P 503-R	S. Raeker- Jordan	<ul> <li>Due Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> (for Section R) Due Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> (for Section P)</li> <li>The assignment listed below is for the first week of class (the first two classes of the semester). The assignment of pages from the Spencer casebook will be designated by "(S)" preceding the pertinent pages. Assignments from the paperback volume of the Federal Civil Rules Supplement, or "Rule Book," will be preceded by the designation "(R)" and will indicate the type of legal provision, and therefore the location within the volume, where the assigned legal provision may be found. In other words, the syllabus will indicate whether it is: <ul> <li>a constitutional provision ("U.S. Const"), which can be found starting at page 1 of the Rule Book;</li> <li>a federal Rule of Civil Procedure ("FRCP"), which start on page 21 of the Rule Book;</li> <li>or a statutory section from the Judiciary and Judicial Procedure title (Title 28) of the United States Code ("28 U.S.C. § xxx"), which starts on page 167 of the Rule Book, locating the Constitution, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and the Judiciary title of the U.S. Code. This first assignment will list page numbers in the Rule Book to help you become more familiar with it, but the remainder of the syllabus will cite only to the relevant legal provision.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Please read the following for the first week of class: <ul> <li>Overview <ul> <li>(S) pp. 1-17</li> <li>(R) U.S. Constitution article III, sections 1-2 (pp. 8-9 of Rule Book); FRCP 1 (p. 21 of Rule Book)</li> <li>(S) pp. 457-60</li> </ul> </li> <li>B. The Complaint <ul> <li>(R) FRCP 3, 8(a) (pp. 21 and 38 of Rule Book)</li> <li>(S) pp. 460-67</li> </ul> </li> </ul></li></ul>

Clinical Externship	803-1	Simcox	Due Saturday, August 24 <sup>th</sup> <u>This assignment was updated on 8/5</u> : Please sign up for the course page on TWEN and review the syllabus, which will be posted there by early August. Please also read chapters 1 & 2 of <i>Learning from</i> <i>Practice</i> , as well as the Judge Jones opinion. All 3 of these items are posted on TWEN: the chapters are under the "Assignments & Quizzes" tab, and the Judge Jones opinion is under the "Course Materials" tab.
Constitutional Law	602-R	Lee	<b>Due Tuesday, August 20</b> <sup>th</sup> Supplement #1 is available for pickup outside the faculty secretary's office. Please read Supplement #1 up to but not including "8 Equal Protection." The page is marked "1 of 6" and "639." You need only skim the Constitution just to get a general idea of what's there.
Constitutional Law	602-N	Dimino	<b>Due Wednesday, August 21</b> <sup>st</sup> (except where otherwise noted) Before our first class on August 21 <sup>st</sup> , please sign onto the TWEN site and read the course syllabus as well as pages 1-103 and 1449-1466 of the Casebook. Before our second class on August 23 <sup>rd</sup> , please read pages 103-119, 138-205, and 1477-1479 of the Casebook, as well as the Klarman excerpt that is posted on the "Course Materials" section of the TWEN site.
Contracts I	507-N	Meadows	Due Monday, August 19 <sup>th</sup> Read Introduction to the Study of the Law of Contracts in the Whaley and Horton text for the first class. From the Burton and Eisenberg Supplement, read Restatement (2d) of Contracts sections 1-4. Be sure to bring both books to every class. Sign up for the Contracts TWEN site once you receive your Westlaw password. It is important that you maintain an e-mail address that you check <u>regularly</u> on the TWEN site. The syllabus and assignment for the second class will be on the TWEN site and will be available no later than August 9 <sup>th</sup> .
Contracts I	507-P	Kearney	<b>Due Wednesday, August 21</b> <sup>st</sup> Please carefully read the <u>Lucy v. Zehmer</u> case in your Schwartz casebook. Be sure to bring both required textbooks to class.
Contracts I	507-R	Robinette	<b>Due Tuesday, August 20</b> <sup>th</sup> Please read pages 3-12 in the casebook.
Criminal Law	505-1	Diehm	There is <b>no first assignment</b> for this course.

<b>Deal Skills:</b> <b>The Documents</b> [Pre-Semester Intensive Course: August 13 & 16]	7005X-1	Johnson	<b>Due Tuesday, August 13th</b> The faculty secretary emailed the first assignment on behalf of Dean Johnson to all enrolled students on July 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Please contact the faculty secretary at <u>iswingert@widener.edu</u> if you did not receive the email.
Evidence	836-1	Diehm	There is <b>no first assignment</b> for this course.
Federal Criminal Practice	7011X-1	Behe	There is <b>no first assignment</b> for this course.
Federal Income Tax	610-1	Kogan	<b>Due Monday, August 19</b> <sup>th</sup> Please read Chapter 1 in the Dexter textbook.
Fundamentals of the Bar Exam	690-1	Various Faculty	<b>Due Monday, August 19</b> <sup>th</sup> The first assignment is <b>TBA</b> .
Government Law Colloquium	6035-1	Cheskis	<ul> <li>Due Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup></li> <li>Please read: <ul> <li>Armstrong v. McAlpin, 625 F.2d 433 (2nd Cir 1980)</li> <li>PennLive article from 2/2/12: "Special Report: Penn State counsel Cynthia Baldwin's role before grand jury could affect Tim Curley and Gary Schultz's perjury case, experts say"</li> </ul> </li> <li>If you can't get copies of either of these things, you can email Professor Cheskis at joelcheskis@gmail.com and he will send it to you.</li> </ul>
Immigration Law	703-1	Shagin	<b>Due Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup></b> By August 7 <sup>th</sup> , a nationality supplement will be available for pickup outside the faculty secretary's office. At that point, pick it up and read "A Short History of Nationality Law Prior to the 14th Amendment". Please also read pages 1-31 of the textbook.
Judicial Externship	809-1	Simcox	<b>Due Saturday, August 24</b> <sup>th</sup> <u>This assignment was updated on 8/5</u> : Please sign up for the course page on TWEN and review the syllabus, which will be posted there by early August. Please also read chapters 1 & 2 of <i>Learning from</i> <i>Practice</i> , as well as the Judge Jones opinion. All 3 of these items are posted on TWEN: the chapters are under the "Assignments & Quizzes" tab, and the Judge Jones opinion is under the "Course Materials" tab.

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Legal Issues for Corporate Counsel [Pre-Semester Intensive Course: August 14 & 17]	7015X-1	Siverling	<ul> <li>Due Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> (except where otherwise noted)</li> <li>Assignments for Day One: <ul> <li>A. Read textbook Chapters 1, 2, 7, 10 and 11 - Be prepared to discuss Attorney/Client privilege; Internal Corporate Investigations; and Litigation Management</li> <li>Quiz on Chapters 1, 2, 7, 10 and 11 at the beginning of class</li> </ul> </li> <li>Assignments for Day Two: <ul> <li>B. Come prepared with samples of cases (news articles, legal cases or your own personal experiences/examples/scenarios) relating to medical marijuana usage in the workplace and be ready to discuss in class;</li> <li>C. Read textbook Chapter 3 <ul> <li>Quiz on Chapter 3 reading</li> </ul> </li> <li>D. Come to class prepared with examples (news articles, legal cases or your own personal experiences/examples/scenarios) of employees who have experienced employment issues based on the following: social media, religion, personal usage of emails/company property, dress codes, firearms, gender issues, etc. and be ready to discuss in class.</li> <li>E. Final Project (take home)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Legal Methods I*</b> *Please be certain that you are looking at the correct professor.	509-N2 509-P2	<b>N2 &amp; P2:</b> D. Raeker-Jordan	<b>Due Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup></b> Sign up for this course on Canvas. (Click <u>here</u> to access the site.) Under the "Home" tab, complete the assignment for Monday, August 19 before our first class meeting.
Legal Methods I* *Please be certain that you are looking at the correct professor.	509-N1 509-N3 509-P1 509-P3 509-R1 509-R2	N1 & P1: Sholtis N3: Randi Teplitz P3: Hemingway R1: DeMartino R2: Rob Teplitz	<ul> <li>Due Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup></li> <li>1. Read "Surviving My 1L Legal Writing" by Jie Yang. <ul> <li>Click this link to access a PDF of the article.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Read Introduction and Chapter 2 in the sixth edition of <i>A Practical Guide to Legal Writing and Legal Method</i> by John Dernbach, et al.</li> <li>3. Read the Class Preparation Guide. <ul> <li>Click this link to access a PDF of the Guide.</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Complete the "Core Grammar for Lawyers" Pre-Test by 8:00 am on August 24<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>Click this link for instructions on how to purchase and activate your "Core Grammar for Lawyers" subscription.</li> </ul> <li>5. Add the course webpage for your Legal Methods professor. For Professors Pamela DeMartino, Anna Hemingway, Randi Teplitz, Robert Teplitz, and Amanda Sholtis, the course page is available on TWEN (The West Education Network) and titled "Legal Methods I &amp; II (XXXX)" [where "XXXX" is the last name of your professor]. If you are in Professor Randi or Robert Teplitz's course, please be sure you add the correct TWEN page.</li> <li>6. Read your Legal Methods' Syllabus &amp; Course Policies, which will be available electronically on your professor's course webpage.</li>

Legal Methods III: Appellate Advocacy	512-1	Koltash	Due Monday, August 19 <sup>th</sup> Please read the following: <i>Winning on Appeal</i> , pages 3-28 <i>English Grammar and Usage</i> , pages ix through 44
Legal Methods III: Judicial Opinion Writing	512-N3	Mekilo	<b>Due Wednesday, August 21</b> <sup>st</sup> Sign up for the course page on TWEN. Read Chapters 1 and 2 of <i>Judicial Clerkships: A Practical Guide.</i> Bring to class the following: (1) a one-page reflection paper describing your reasons for taking the course and identifying three writing goals for the semester and (2) a copy of your current writing sample.
Legal Methods III: Technology & Communication	512-N2	Anthon	Due Wednesday, August 21 <sup>st</sup> Please visit the following webpage to see information about the course and the reading assignment for our first class: <u>http://dionneanthon.com/FirstAssignmentsFall2019.html</u> Prior to our first class, you should check this webpage occasionally to see whether there have been any updates (note: I will not add anything to the reading assignment).
Legislation	645-1	Dimino	<ul> <li>Due Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> (except where otherwise noted)</li> <li>Before our first class on August 20<sup>th</sup>, please sign onto the TWEN site and read the course syllabus as well as pages 1-26 of the Nelson casebook and pages 1-2 of the supplement to the Nelson casebook.</li> <li>Before our second class on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, please read pages 26-39 of the Nelson Casebook and pages 3-19 of the supplement to the Nelson casebook.</li> <li>N.B. The supplement to the Nelson casebook is one of three supplements you will need for this course. All three are available outside the faculty secretary's office and on the TWEN site.</li> </ul>
MidPenn Practicum	7012X-1	Simcox & Matash	<b>Due Wednesday, August 21</b> <sup>st</sup> <u>This assignment was updated on 8/5</u> : Please sign up for the course page on TWEN and review the syllabus, which will be posted there by early August. Please also read chapters 1 & 2 of <i>Learning from</i> <i>Practice</i> , as well as the Judge Jones opinion. All 3 of these items are posted on TWEN: the chapters are under the "Assignments & Quizzes" tab, and the Judge Jones opinion is under the "Course Materials" tab.
National Security: Counterterrorism [Online course via iLaw]	6007X-1	Guiora	The first assignment is <b>TBA</b> . Your professor will be in touch.

Payment Systems	650-1	Ноу	There is <b>no first assignment</b> for this course.
Pennsylvania Criminal Practice	743-1	Lewis	There is <b>no first assignment</b> for this course.
Pre-Trial Methods	786-1	Marsico	There is <b>no first assignment</b> for this course.
Professional Responsibility	702-1	Lee	<b>Due Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup></b> The Supplement is available for pickup outside the faculty secretary's office. For the first class, please read <i>Spaulding</i> (first case in the Supplement) along with the Preamble and Scope sections of the Model Rules of Professional Conduct and Rules 1.4, 1.6, 1.7, 3.3, 3.4, 4.1, and 4.2 (also contained in the Supplement).
Property I	515-N	Hemingway	Due Tuesday, August 20 <sup>th</sup> Sign up for Property I 2019 (Hemingway) on TWEN. Review the syllabus posted on TWEN under "Syllabus" and <u>here</u> . Read and complete Reading Guide I posted on TWEN under "Reading Guides" and <u>here</u> . Read Barros & Hemingway, <i>Property Law</i> , pages 1-10.
Property I	515-P	Dernbach	Due Monday, August 19 <sup>th</sup> Sign up for Property I on TWEN. Read Barros & Hemingway, pages 1-10. Also read Matt Eyet's commencement speech, which you can find on TWEN under "Course Materials." Prepare answers for Exercise 1, which also is on TWEN under "Course Materials." Also, please pick up 2 handouts a course syllabus and a packet of exercises from the bins outside the faculty secretary's office.
Property I	515-R	Moringiello	<b>Due Monday, August 19th</b> Please sign up for the course on TWEN. I will post the assignments for the first week of class on the home page of the course TWEN site one week before classes start.

Real Estate Transactions	760-1	Jameson	<b>Due Tuesday, August 20th</b> Please read chapter 1 (pages 1-48) in <i>Real Estate Transactions</i> .
Sales and Leases	646-N 646-1	Meadows	<ul> <li>Due Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup></li> <li>Course Materials: The course materials for the class are on chartacourse.com under Meadows Sales. There is no text or supplement. The sales cart contains all the cases, statutes, problems, and self-assessment tools for the course. The chart will be available to register for no later than August 9<sup>th</sup>. (If you register before that, the Syllabus and some material may not be up to date; check back after August 9<sup>th</sup>).</li> <li>If you have questions about subscribing, watch this video to learn how to subscribe. Use your school email address to register. Using a different email may result in your being deleted from the course by the administrator at ChartaCourse.</li> <li>Each student must individually subscribe to the chart. Sharing the chart among students violates ChartaCourse's copyright and is both illegal and an honor code violation. I receive a list of enrolled students to compare it to my class roster. Please don't put me in the awkward position of finding a violation.</li> <li>Once you subscribe to the chart through chartacourse.com, be sure to review the materials in the "How to use your chart" button at the top of the chart. This will help you take full advantage of the chart features. There is also a TWEN site that will be used for communicating with students so that I can contact students in both sections by sending one email. Make sure you maintain an e-mail address that you check regularly on the TWEN site throughout the semester. Assignments for each class will be posted on the TWEN calendar. There are a few old exam questions on TWEN, although most have been migrated to the Chartacourse chart.</li> <li>Assignment: The syllabus for the course is on the Chart (button at top). Do Assignment 1 from the Chart Syllabus.</li> </ul>
Sales and Leases	646-N2	Moringiello	<b>Due Tuesday, August 20</b> <sup>th</sup> Please sign up for the course on TWEN. I will post the assignments for the first week of class on the home page of the course TWEN site one week before classes start.

Seminar: Sustainability Law Practicum	6097-1	Dernbach	<ol> <li>Due Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup></li> <li>Sign up for Sustainability Law Practicum on TWEN.</li> <li>Be prepared to state why you are interested in sustainability and what experience you may have with it.</li> <li>Also, come to class with an article or web story about a threat to sustainability or an opportunity provided by sustainability.</li> <li>Read the following, which are on TWEN under "Course Materials."         <ul> <li>Jared Diamond, Easter's End, Discover (1995)</li> <li>James Gustave Speth, The Bridge at the Edge of the World: Capitalism, the Environment, and Crossing from Crisis to Sustainability 17-45 (2008).</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
Seminar: Sexuality, Gender, and the Law	7016-1	Dimino	<b>Due Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup></b> Before our first class on August 23 <sup>rd</sup> , please sign onto the TWEN site and read the course syllabus as well as pages 225-275 of the Casebook.
State Constitutional Law	773-1	DeLiberato	<b>Due Thursday, August 22nd</b> Please read pages 82-137 in the required text. Also, pick up a course syllabus from the bins outside the faculty secretary's office.
Torts I	519-N	Kearney	<b>Due Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup></b> Please carefully read the <u>Garratt v. Dailey</u> case in your Torts casebook. Be sure to bring the casebook to our first class.
Torts I	519-P	Robinette	<b>Due Wednesday, August 21</b> <sup>st</sup> Please read pages 17-20 in the casebook.
Torts I	519-R	Lee	<b>Due Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup></b> The Supplement is available for pickup outside the faculty secretary's office. Please read <i>Garratt v. Dailey</i> p. 17 in the Prosser text, and read in the Supplement through and including the brief and memorandum for <i>Chaklos v. Webber</i> . This brief and memorandum show you how lawyers use briefs in practice to write memorandums—they do not require you to write anything on your own.
Trial Methods	781-1	Kluk	<b>Due Wednesday, August 21</b> <sup>st</sup> Read State v Hunter, case file A, and review problems A1 and A2 in <i>Trial Practice Problems and Case Files.</i> Suggested reading from <i>The</i> <i>Trial Process</i> : Chapter 2, section 2.04 on case theory.

Wills and Trusts	834-1	Demmel	Due Monday, August 19 <sup>th</sup> 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.
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## HOW TO OBTAIN YOUR BOOKS

The Widener Law Commonwealth does not have a brick-and-mortar bookstore on its campus. You may buy your books online through the university's bookstore located on the Chester, Pennsylvania campus. Books for WLC students receive free shipping. If you decide to buy your textbooks from another online retailer, please know that the university's bookstore does offer a price-matching guarantee as detailed on its website.

Widener University Bookstore: <u>http://www.bkstr.com/widenerestore/shop/textbooks-and-course-materials</u>

### Instructions for finding your books:

- 1. Select Your Term.
- Select Your **Department**.
   (Our department is: **LAWH**.)
- 3. Select Your **Course**.
- 4. Select Your Section.
- 5. Click on **Find Materials**.

You will see your professor's name and the textbooks and course materials listed. You can add the books to your cart.

#### **Important Notes:**

<u>Required Books</u>: The required book is *usually* one textbook/casebook. Some classes will also require a statutory supplement.

<u>Recommended Books or "Select One Of" Choices</u>: These are usually supplemental hornbook books that professors think will be useful in learning the material. Some professors require you to purchase a supplemental book but give you the choice of which hornbook to purchase. Pay close attention to the wording in the Textbook column of the above grid. "Option A" and "Option B" indicate that you must (or are recommended to) purchase either one text *or* another text.

<u>Bundles</u>: When a "bundle" is indicated, you may either purchase the bundle, which is usually the more affordable option, *or* purchase each text separately. Again, pay close attention to the wording in the above grid.