

Fall 2021

First Assignments



Widener Law Commonwealth

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COURSE NAME	PROFESSOR	FIRST ASSIGNMENT
Administrative Law	Cheskis	Due on Monday, August 16th Please read pages 1-26 of the text by Funk, Shapiro, and Weaver.
Animal Law	Lazo	Due on Tuesday, August 17th Please read and be prepared to discuss the cases in pages 3-45 of the text, on the topic of how "animal" is defined in different laws.
Business Organizations	Johnson	Due on Tuesday, August 17th (section 1N) Due on Thursday, August 19th (section 1P) - Please read pages 1-24 of the required text. - Please read Restatement Agency 2d §§ 1, 2, 7, 8, 8A, 8B, 26, 27, 82, 219, 220, 228, and 229; and Restatement Agency 3d §§ 1.01-1.04, 2.01-2.07, 3.01-3.03. - The restatements will be available on the TWEN site under Course Materials.

Business Planning	Weisberg	Due on Thursday, August 19th Please read pages 1-6 and pages 623-638 in the textbook.
Civil Procedure I (sections N & R)	Family	Due on Monday, August 16th (section R) Due on Wednesday, August 18th (section N) Please see the course modules on Canvas to find the course assignments for the week of August 16 th .
Civil Procedure I (section P)	S. Raeker-Jordan	Due on Tuesday, August 17th We will be using Canvas for this course. Log in to the course's Canvas page to get the first assignment when the course is published in early August. Email Prof. S. Raeker-Jordan at sraeker-jordan@widener.edu with any questions.
Clinical Externship	Simcox	Due on Tuesday, August 17th Please sign up for the course page on TWEN and review the syllabus, which will be posted there by the end of July. Please also read chapters 1 & 3 of <i>Learning from Practice</i> and complete the student portion of the Learning Agenda, all of which are found on the TWEN page under "Course Materials."
Constitutional Law (section N)	Dimino	Due on Wednesday, August 18th (unless otherwise noted) For our first class (August 18), please sign up for the TWEN site and read the syllabus, as well as pages 3-27, 73-101, and 1449-1473 of the Casebook. For our second class (August 20), please read pages 38-42, 103-119, 138-165, 170 (starting with the paragraph on the bottom of the page)-185, 205-215, and 1477-1479 of the Casebook, as well as the Klarman <i>Antifidelity</i> article as excerpted on TWEN.
Constitutional Law (section R)	Lee	Due on Tuesday, August 17th (unless otherwise noted) For Class 1, read Con Law Packet I (click here), and for Class 2, read Con Law Packet II (click here). Hard copies of these packets will be available in bins on the wall outside the faculty secretary's office by August 16 th . In Packet II, you only need to browse the U.S. Constitution—you just need to get a sense of how that document is organized.
Contracts I (sections N & R)	Meadows	Due on Tuesday, August 17th (section R) Due on Wednesday, August 18th (section N) Check the Canvas calendar after August 4 for the assignment for the first class.
Contracts I (section P)	Kearney	Due on Monday, August 16th 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.) <i>Contracts: A Context and Practice Casebook</i> by Schwartz and Walters (3 rd edition) — Introduction, pp. 1-13; Chapter 1 and <i>Lucy v. Zehmer</i> , pp. 21-30 2.) <i>Selections from the Restatement (Second) Contracts... Statutory Supp.</i> (2021 edition) by George and Korobkin — Restatement sections 1, 3, 17, 22, and 24

Deal Skills: Mergers & Acquisition Documentation & Negotiation	Wilson	<p>Due on Wednesday, August 18th</p> <p>The first assignment for this course is TBA. Please check back in August.</p>
Essential Legal Skills	Randi Teplitz	<p>Due on Tuesday, August 17th (section R) Due on Friday, August 20th (section NP)</p> <p>Please complete Module 0, posted in the Essential Legal Skills Canvas course.</p>
Evidence (section 1)	Buchhandler- Raphael	<p>Due on Monday, August 16th</p> <p>The following reading assignments are for the 4th edition casebook.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please read <i>thoroughly</i> the “Study Guide” at the beginning of the text. It explains the features of the book (pp. xxix-xxxiii) • Chapter 1: Why Take This Course? (pp. 1-4). • Chapter 2: Types of Courtroom Evidence (pp. 5-17). • Chapter 3: Four W’s of the Federal Rules of Evidence (pp. 19-30). • Chapter 4: Structure of a Trial (pp. 31-38). <p>Read the hypothetical located at this link. You do not need to try to apply any evidence rules because we have not studied them yet. All you need to do is think about what considerations might affect your decision on whether a particular piece of evidence should be admitted or excluded.</p> <p>Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at: mbuchhandler-raphael@widener.edu.</p>
Evidence (section 1N)	Diehm	<p>Due on Monday, August 16th</p> <p>There is no first assignment for this course.</p>
Family Law	Buchhandler- Raphael	<p>Due on Tuesday, August 17th</p> <p>Please read the following in the 6th edition casebook:</p> <p>Pages 3-16 (introduction, excerpts from Fineman, Sanger, Garrison and Bowman, and short excerpt from <i>Obergefell v. Hodges</i>).</p> <p>Pages 16-28 (read carefully the two court cases <i>Blumenthal v. Brewer</i> and accompanying notes 1-8, <i>Braschi v. Stahl Associates Company</i> and accompanying notes 1-7. Stop at <i>City of Ladue v. Horn</i>).</p> <p>Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at: mbuchhandler-raphael@widener.edu.</p>
Federal Criminal Practice	Behe	<p>Due on Monday, August 16th</p> <p>There is no first assignment for this course.</p>

Federal Income Tax	Kogan	<p>Due on Monday, August 16th</p> <p>Please read Chapter 1 (pp. 1-21) of the Dexter textbook in advance of the first class meeting.</p>
Fundamentals of the Bar Exam	Randi Teplitz	<p>Due on Monday, August 16th</p> <p>There is no first assignment for this course.</p>
Government Law Colloquium	DePasquale	<p>Due on Wednesday, August 25th</p> <p>There is no first assignment for this course. Please note that the first class session will take place during the <u>second</u> week of the semester.</p>
Immigration Law	Shagin	<p>Due on Monday, August 16th</p> <p>Please read the following materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Course Introduction by Professor Shagin (click here) - Fourteenth Amendment (can be found online). - Abridged Dred Scott Decision (click here). - Legal Advisor Opinions (click here).
Judicial Externship	Simcox	<p>Due on Tuesday, August 17th</p> <p>Please sign up for the course page on TWEN and review the syllabus, which will be posted there by the end of July. Please also read chapters 1 & 3 of <i>Learning from Practice</i> and complete the student portion of the Learning Agenda, all of which are found on the TWEN page under “Course Materials.”</p>
Law and Mindfulness	Waldemar	<p>Due on Friday, August 20th</p> <p>Please click here to review your first assignment. To read “Why We Find It Hard to Meditate,” which is referenced in the assignment, click here.</p>
Law and Policy of Sentencing & Corrections	Morris	<p>Due on Tuesday, August 17th</p> <p>Read chapters 1-4 of <i>Constitutional Rights of Prisoners</i>, 9th edition, by John W. Palmer. This text is available online for free through Widener’s library. (Be sure to thank Judge Morris later for saving you some money by looking into this option! But keep in mind that you <u>do</u> have another required text for this class.) To access the Palmer text, please follow these easy instructions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click here to visit the library’s ProQuest eBook Central portal. 2. If you’re <i>off campus</i>, the link will take you to the Widener University Library Catalog remote access screen. At the log-in screen, using the first two boxes, enter your Widener log-in ID (without @widener.edu) and password to access library resources and click submit. (This is the same information you use to access your Widener email account.) 3. If you’re <i>on campus</i>, the link will grant you access without remote log-in. 4. You should be directed to the full Palmer text. You can choose “Full Download,” “Chapter Download,” or read the text directly from the site. 5. Please contact Susan Giusti, our law library co-director, with any questions or issues accessing the text. Her email is smgiusti@widener.edu.

<p>Legal Methods I (all sections)</p>	<p>Professors will be assigned to specific sections at a later date.</p>	<p>Due on Monday, August 16th</p> <p>Until sections are assigned, a portion of the first assignment is TBA. Please check back by Wednesday, August 11th to get your assignment from your Legal Methods professor.</p> <p>All first-year students, regardless of section assignment, should purchase <i>Core Grammar for Lawyers</i> and complete the pre-test. Please use this link for further information on <i>Core Grammar</i>.</p>
<p>Legal Methods III: Appellate Advocacy</p>	<p>Koltash</p>	<p>Due on Monday, August 16th</p> <p>There is no first assignment for this course.</p>
<p>Legal Methods III: Family Law Practice</p>	<p>Haynes-Pinsker</p>	<p>Due on Thursday, August 19th</p> <p>Please read pages 1-15 of the required text. Also read <i>Cultural Competency and the Practice of Law in the 21st Century</i>, an ABA article you can access here.</p>
<p>Legal Methods III: Writing for the Bar Exam</p>	<p>Mandrell</p>	<p>Due on Wednesday, August 18th</p> <p>Prior to the first week of class, please spend some time reviewing the bar examiner's page for the state in which you are planning to take the exam. For those taking the Pennsylvania Bar Exam, you can find that information here. For those taking the exam in another state, please spend some time reviewing that state's bar examiner's website. Please make note of the format of the bar exam, subjects on which you will be tested, application deadlines, etc. Additionally, prior to the first class, please email Dean Mandrell (elmandrell@widener.edu) and let her know which state's exam you plan to take.</p> <p>Please register for this course on TWEN as soon as possible. I will use it to communicate with you throughout the course, and you will use it to submit your assignments.</p> <p>This class will be comprised of a combination of synchronous lectures and asynchronous writing exercises, which will be turned in for credit. Your final grade will be based on these assignments, as well as on a midterm and final exam/assignment. More details will follow in the syllabus and during class.</p> <p>Please contact Dean Mandrell if you have any questions.</p>
<p>Legislation</p>	<p>Dimino</p>	<p>Due on Wednesday, August 18th (unless otherwise noted)</p> <p>For our first class (August 18), please sign up for the TWEN site and read the syllabus, as well as pages 405-424 of the Casebook. For our second class (August 20), please read pages 424-446 of the Casebook.</p>

<p>MidPenn Practicum</p>	<p>Simcox & Matash</p>	<p>Due on Tuesday, August 17th</p> <p>Please sign up for the course page on TWEN and review the syllabus, which will be posted there by the end of July. Please also read chapters 1 & 3 of <i>Learning from Practice</i> and complete the student portion of the Learning Agenda, all of which are found on the TWEN page under "Course Materials."</p>
<p>Payment Systems</p>	<p>Hoy</p>	<p>Due on Wednesday, August 18th</p> <p>Read the Introduction to Part One in the required Mann text and draft "gut-reaction" answers to the 13 attached problems. (Click here.)</p>
<p>Pennsylvania Criminal Practice</p>	<p>Lewis</p>	<p>Due on Wednesday, August 18th</p> <p>There is no first assignment for this course.</p>
<p>Pre-Trial Methods</p>	<p>Marsico</p>	<p>Due on Monday, August 23rd</p> <p>You will not have class on August 16th. Please read Chapters 1 and 2 of the Berger text and be prepared to discuss the problems at the end of those chapters. A detailed syllabus will be posted on Canvas by the end of July.</p>
<p>Privacy & Cybersecurity [August 12 & 21]</p>	<p>Fox & Randby</p>	<p>Due on Thursday, August 12th</p> <p>Please click here to access your first assignment. This document outlines your schedule for the first class session, and the assignments for each portion of the day are laid out in detail. Be sure to read the document carefully.</p>
<p>Pro Bono: Elder Law [August 14 & 28]</p>	<p>Beard</p>	<p>Due on Saturday, August 14th</p> <p>Please click here to access the course syllabus and first assignment. The document outlines your schedule for each class session, and the assignments for each portion of the two days are laid out in detail. Be sure to read the document carefully and do all the readings for the first class by August 14th.</p>
<p>Professional Responsibility</p>	<p>Lee</p>	<p>Due on Tuesday, August 17th</p> <p>Please read <i>Spaulding</i> (pp. 1-5 in Packet 1); <i>An Agenda for Reading Cases</i> (included with the Course Syllabus); and the Preamble and Scope sections of the Model Rules of Professional Conduct along with Rules 1.4, 1.6, 1.7, 3.3, 3.4, 4.1, and 4.2 (in the Rules Supplement). Hard copies will be available in bins on the wall outside the faculty secretary's office by August 16th.</p> <p>Please also purchase these 2 books:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Harper Lee, <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> (Warner paperback edition); - Robert Bolt, <i>A Man for All Seasons</i> (Vintage Int'l paperback edition).

Property I (section N)	Moringiello	Due on Monday, August 16th The first assignment will be available on the Canvas course page by August 9.
Property I (section P)	Hemingway	Due on Tuesday, August 17th Access Property I 2021 (Hemingway) on Canvas. Review the syllabus posted on Canvas and here . Read and complete the Class Prep Guide that I posted on Canvas under "Modules" and here . Read Barros, Hemingway, Cavalieri (BHC) <i>Property Law</i> , p. 1-10.
Property I (section R)	Dernbach	Due on Monday, August 16th The first assignment for Property I is posted on Canvas. Be sure to read <i>Writing Essay Exams</i> prior to the first day of class. Reading this book will take several hours, and you should not read it at once. Read it several chapters at a time, and take time to study the examples as well as the sample exam questions and answers at the end. Notice that all of the examples in the book are property law examples. As you read it, write your own answers to the following question: What does this mean for how I continue my study of law?
Real Estate Transactions	Jameson	Due on Tuesday, August 17th There is no first assignment for this course.
Sales and Leases (section N)	Meadows	Due on Monday, August 16th Check the Canvas calendar after August 4 for the assignment for the first class.
Sales and Leases (section R)	Moringiello	Due on Tuesday, August 17th The first assignment will be available on the Canvas course page by August 9.
SEMINAR: Capital Punishment	S. Raeker- Jordan	Due on Wednesday, August 18th We will be using Canvas for this course. Log in to the course's Canvas page to get the first assignment when the course is published in early August. Email Prof. S. Raeker-Jordan at sraeker-jordan@widener.edu with any questions.
SEMINAR: Separation of Powers	Dimino	Due on Thursday, August 19th For our first class, please sign up for the TWEN site and read the syllabus, as well as pages 139-178 of the Casebook.

SEMINAR: Sustainability Law Practicum	Dernbach	Due on Wednesday, August 18th The first assignment for the Sustainability Law Practicum is posted on Canvas.
State Constitutional Law	DeLiberato	Due Thursday, August 19th Please read pages 82-137 in the assigned 5 th edition casebook. You can view the course syllabus by clicking here .
Torts I (section N)	Kearney	Due on Tuesday, August 17th Please read the following in your Torts casebook (14 th edition*): - Development of Liability, pp. 1-4 - Garratt v. Dailey, pp. 17-20 - Restatement Sections 13 and 18, pp. 37-38 *You may use an older edition, but you will be responsible for coordinating the page assignments.
Torts I (section P)	Lee	Due on Wednesday, August 18th Please read <i>Garratt v. Dailey</i> (page 17 in the Prosser text), and read pages 4-8 in the Syllabus Supplement (click here). Hard copies will be available in bins on the wall outside the faculty secretary's office by August 16 th .
Torts II (section R)	S. Raeker- Jordan	Due on Monday, August 16th We will be using Canvas for this course. Log in to the course's Canvas page to get the first assignment when the course is published in early August. Email Prof. S. Raeker-Jordan at sraeker-jordan@widener.edu with any questions.
Trial Methods	Kluk	Due on Wednesday, August 18th Please read/review the following in your required texts: <i>Case Files for Basic Trial Advocacy</i> - Review case file <i>State of Golden v. Jake Chambers</i> (Chapter 12). <i>The Art and Science of Trial Advocacy</i> - Read II. Developing the Case for Trial (pages 36-47).
Wills and Trusts	Demmel	Due on Monday, August 16th 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.