

Fall 2022

First Assignments



Widener Law Commonwealth

COURSE NAME	PROFESSOR	FIRST ASSIGNMENT
Administrative Law	Cheskis	<p>Due on Monday, August 15th</p> <p>Please read pages 1-27 of the text by Funk, Shapiro, and Weaver.</p>
Business Organizations (section 1N)	Collazo Vos	<p>Due on Tuesday, August 16th (unless otherwise noted)</p> <p>We will begin the semester learning about the concept of agency. Please read and brief pages 1-13 in our textbook and be prepared to engage in in-class learning activities that require you to apply the legal concepts you read about in these pages. In addition, please log onto our Canvas course site, open the Week One module, and complete the activities that are due before our first class. For those students who like to work ahead, during our second class meeting, we will cover the material from pages 13 to 34. I look forward to meeting you and getting to know you over the course of the semester!</p>
Business Organizations (section 1)	C. Johnson	<p>Due on Tuesday, August 16th</p> <p>For the first week, please read the following in the Bainbridge text:</p> <p>Unit 1: Read pages 1-13 Unit 2: Read pages 13-34 Unit 3: Read pages 34-45</p>

Civil Procedure I (sections P & R)	Family	<p>Due on Monday, August 15th & Tuesday, August 16th (for sec. R) Due on Tuesday, August 16th & Wednesday, August 17th (for sec. P)</p> <p>Please check the course modules on Canvas in early August to find the course assignments for your first classes.</p>
Civil Procedure I (section N)	S. Raeker-Jordan	<p>Due on Tuesday, August 16th</p> <p>Consult the course Canvas page for the first assignment, which will be available on August 8th. Specifically, complete the "Start the Course Here" module and the Class One module for the first day of class.</p>
Clinical Externship	Simcox	<p>Due on Tuesday, August 16th</p> <p>Please log on to CORE under the Experiential Learning tab. Use the box in the upper right-hand corner to ADD Experience. This will guide you through adding the information for your placement. Once completed, I will approve, and this will activate your file. I will also be sending a short video on how to use this module. It is pretty easy.</p> <p>Read chapters 1 and 3 for <i>Learning From Practice</i> and watch the "Sheila Heen Ted Talk" video. These can be found by accessing the Resource Library tab on CORE and then clicking on the Externship Course Materials tab.</p> <p>I will send a message the week before class starts with information and all requirements will be discussed in our 1st meeting on August 16. See you then!</p>
Constitutional Law	Dimino	<p>Due on Monday, August 15th (unless otherwise noted)</p> <p><i>[THIS ASSIGNMENT WAS UPDATED ON 7/26]</i> Before our first class, please sign onto the TWEN site and read the syllabus that is posted thereon, as well as pages xlv-lxv, 254-286, and 1305-1312 of the Casebook. For our second class, please read pages 333-348 and 953-973 of the Casebook.</p>
Contracts I (section N)	Collazo Vos	<p>Due on Monday, August 15th</p> <p>Welcome to Contracts I! We will begin the semester with an introduction to contract law. Please read and brief Chapter 1, pages 1-14, in our textbook and be prepared to engage in in-class learning activities that require you to apply the legal concepts you read about in these pages. This reading assignment includes reading and working through the exercises, additional assessment questions, and professional development reflection questions. In addition, please log onto our Canvas course site, open the Week One module, and complete the activities that are due before our first class. I look forward to meeting you and getting to know you over the course of the semester!</p>
Contracts I (sections P)	Meadows	<p>Due on Monday, August 15th</p> <p>There is no assignment for the first class. Check the Canvas calendar for the assignment for the second class.</p>

Contracts I (section R)	Kearney	<p>Due on Tuesday, August 16th</p> <p>I look forward to meeting you in person and working with you this year in Contracts. Please read this material for our first class.</p> <p>1.) <i>Contracts: A Context and Practice Casebook</i> by Schwartz and Walters (3rd edition) — Introduction, pp. 1-13; Chapter 1 and <i>Lucy v. Zehmer</i>, pp. 21-30</p> <p>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.</p>
Copyright & Trademark	Stangle	<p>Due on Wednesday, August 17th</p> <p>Please read pages 1-23 and pages 273-323 in the text.</p>
Deal Skills: Mergers & Acquisition	Wilson	<p>Due on Thursday, August 18th</p> <p>Read Chapter 1 and Chapter 16 in <i>Make the Deal</i>.</p> <p>For anyone who has not had a merger and acquisition class or who wants some additional information, PracticalLaw has good overviews on mergers, stock acquisitions and asset acquisitions.</p>
Elder Justice	Beard	<p>Due on Thursday, August 18th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Read <i>Elder Law</i>, pages 1-20. Think about the questions and be prepared to talk about them in class. ○ Go to acl.gov. Read the website specifically under “about ACL” the “Authorizing Statutes”. Bookmark this website for your future use. ○ Skim over and bring to the first class a navigable digital copy (Westlaw/Lexis) of 42 C.F.R. (Code of Federal Regulations).
Essential Legal Skills	D. Raeker- Jordan	<p>Due on Thursday, August 18th (for section R) Due on Friday, August 19th (for section NP)</p> <p>Everything you need for Essential Legal Skills is in the Canvas course. Please complete the Week 0 module before classes start on Monday, August 15th. In addition, complete the relevant portion of the Week 1 module before our first meeting on Thursday, August 18th or Friday, August 19th.</p>

Evidence	Buchhandler-Raphael	<p>Due on Monday, August 15th (unless otherwise noted)</p> <p><u>Readings for 1st class:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “Study Guide” (pp. xxix-xxxiii) ○ Casebook Chapter 1: Why Take This Course? (pp. 1-4) ○ Casebook Chapter 2: Types of Courtroom Evidence (pp. 5-17) ○ Casebook Chapter 3: Four W’s of the Federal Rules of Evidence (pp. 19-30) ○ Casebook Chapter 4: Structure of a Trial (pp. 31-38) ○ Read the following hypothetical (click here). <p><u>Readings for 2nd class:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chapter 5: Raising and Resolving Evidentiary Objections pp. 39-53 ○ Chapter 6: Relevance pp. 55-69
Family Law	Buchhandler-Raphael	<p>Due on Monday, August 15th</p> <p><u>Readings for 1st class:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Casebook, pages 3-16 ○ Casebook, pages 16-28 <p><u>Readings for 2nd class:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Casebook, pages 28-39
Federal Income Tax	C. Johnson	<p>Due on Monday, August 15th</p> <p>For the first week, please read in the following in the Kwall text:</p> <p>Unit 1: Read pages 1-32 Unit 2: Read pages 33-47 Unit 3: Read pages 47-72</p>
Fundamentals of the Bar Exam	Randi Teplitz	<p>Due on Thursday, August 18th</p> <p>There is no first assignment for this course.</p>
Government Law Colloquium	Morris	<p>Due on Monday, August 22nd</p> <p>Please read Chapter 1 of the Branham text. The class is held every other week, and the first class session is on August 22nd.</p>
Health Law	Wolfberg	<p>Due on Monday, August 15th</p> <p>The full course syllabus has been posted to Canvas under “Files.” There is also a folder called “Class 1 Materials.” All the readings for the first class are there. Please don’t stress about reading and digesting every word, paragraph and footnote on the longer documents. Just get a sense of the general issues and we’ll hit the important stuff in class. And be prepared to help fuel the discussion. Looking forward to meeting everyone in class and if you have any questions in the meantime e-mail me at dwolfberg@pwwemslaw.com.</p>

<p>Immigration Law</p>	<p>Shagin</p>	<p>Due on Monday, August 15th</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 Advisors' Opinions (click here).
<p>Insurance Law</p>	<p>Pike</p>	<p>Due on Monday, August 15th</p> <p>Please review the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <i>Insurance Law and Regulation</i> Textbook - Chapter 1 (pages 1-35) 2) <i>Insurance Law in a Nutshell</i> - pages 1-32
<p>Interviewing & Counseling</p>	<p>Scott</p>	<p>Due on Thursday, August 18th</p> <p>Please read chapters 1 and 3 of the required text.</p>
<p>Judicial Externship</p>	<p>Simcox</p>	<p>Due on Tuesday, August 16th</p> <p>Please log on to CORE under the Experiential Learning tab. Use the box in the upper right-hand corner to ADD Experience. This will guide you through adding the information for your placement. Once completed, I will approve, and this will activate your file. I will also be sending a short video on how to use this module. It is pretty easy.</p> <p>Read chapters 1 and 3 for <i>Learning From Practice</i> and watch the "Sheila Heen Ted Talk" video. These can be found by accessing the Resource Library tab on CORE and then clicking on the Externship Course Materials tab.</p> <p>I will send a message the week before class starts with information and all requirements will be discussed in our 1st meeting on August 16. See you then!</p>
<p>Land Use Planning</p>	<p>Warshawsky</p>	<p>Due on Wednesday, August 17th</p> <p>There is no reading assignment for the 1st class, which is a Zoom session. Please come prepared to be engaged in a general discussion about all aspects of Land and its use/the legal issues related thereto. Please also provide your availability for other evenings during the week (in the event that a public meeting we may want to attend falls on a night other than Wednesday) AND be prepared to say a little bit about your career aspirations and why you are taking the class (to help me better tailor the class).</p> <p>A partial syllabus will be provided as soon as possible, but in any event, no later than August 5th, 2022. Materials for subsequent classes will be provided by no later than the week before (i.e. before the first class, you will be provided with materials for the 2nd class).</p>

<p>Law and Mindfulness</p>	<p>Waldemar</p>	<p>Due on Friday, August 19th</p> <p>Please click here to read the first assignment, and then click here to read “Why We Find It Hard to Meditate,” which is referenced in that assignment.</p>
<p>Legal Methods I (ALL sections)</p>	<p>All L.M. Professors</p>	<p>Due on Monday, August 15th</p> <p>UPDATED on 8/10: Please look carefully for your assigned Legal Methods section below to find the first assignment given by your professor.</p> <p>In addition, all first-year students, regardless of section assignment, should purchase <i>Core Grammar for Lawyers</i> and complete the pre-test. Please use this link for further information on <i>Core Grammar</i>.</p> <p>Below is the first assignment for each Legal Methods section.</p>
<p>Legal Methods I (section NP1)</p>	<p>Sholtis</p>	<p>Due on Monday, August 15th</p> <p>Please consult the Class Prep Guide for Week 1 Class 1, which will be posted to our Canvas course page.</p>
<p>Legal Methods I (section N2)</p>	<p>D. Raeker-Jordan</p>	<p>Due on Monday, August 15th</p> <p>Please prepare for Monday's class by completing everything in the Week 1 Canvas module before "ATTEND MONDAY CLASS." Note that some of these items must be completed before the end of Sunday, August 14th.</p>
<p>Legal Methods I (section N3)</p>	<p>Hemingway</p>	<p>Due on Monday, August 15th</p> <p>Please complete the "Class Prep Guide Week 1, Class 1" that can be found in the Week 1, Class 1 Introduction to Legal Methods Module of our Canvas course. This class prep guide contains reading and recording assignments as well as questions to complete to better prepare you for class.</p>
<p>Legal Methods I (section P2)</p>	<p>Shuman</p>	<p>Due on Monday, August 15th</p> <p>Please complete the "Class Prep Guide Week 1, Class 1" that can be found in the Week 1, Class 1 Introduction to Legal Methods Module of our Canvas course. This class prep guide contains reading and recording assignments as well as questions to complete to better prepare you for class.</p>
<p>Legal Methods I (section P3)</p>	<p>Teplitz, Randi</p>	<p>Due on Monday, August 15th</p> <p>Please review the course syllabus which can be found in our Legal Methods Canvas course and complete the assigned work and readings found in the Week 1, Class 1 Module.</p>

<p>Legal Methods I (section R1)</p>	<p>Teplitz, Rob</p>	<p>Due on Monday, August 15th</p> <p>For the first class on Monday, August 15th, please complete the "Class Prep Guide Week 1, Class 1" that can be found in the Week 1, Class 1 Module of our Canvas course. The guide contains reading assignments and questions to complete.</p>
<p>Legal Methods I (section R2)</p>	<p>Koltash</p>	<p>Due on Monday, August 15th</p> <p>Please complete the "Class Prep Guide Week 1, Class 1" that can be found in the Week 1, Class 1 Introduction to Legal Methods Module of our Canvas course. This class prep guide contains reading and recording assignments as well as questions to complete to better prepare you for class.</p>
<p>Legal Methods III: Advanced Legal Research</p>	<p>B. Johnson</p>	<p>Due on Thursday, August 18th</p> <p>Please read the following:</p> <p>Chapter 1, Top Five Questions to Ask BEFORE You Begin Legal Research from <i>A Short & Happy Guide to Advanced Legal Research</i> by Ann Walsh Long, which is available online through the West Academic Study Aids package.</p> <p>Kevin O’Keefe, <i>Should Lawyers Avoid Online Legal Resources Because They’re Free?</i>, Above The Law (Nov. 30, 2016), which is available at this link.</p>
<p>Legal Methods III: Contract Drafting</p>	<p>Pettis</p>	<p>Due on Tuesday, August 16th</p> <p>Please read pages 1-48 in the text by Sepinuck and Hilson.</p>
<p>Legal Methods III: Family Law Practice</p>	<p>Haynes-Pinsker</p>	<p>Due on Monday, August 15th</p> <p>Please read the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “Practicing Family Law,” which is pages 1-15 of the required text. ○ <i>Cultural Competency and the Practice of Law in the 21st Century</i>, which is available at this link.

<p>Legal Methods III: Writing for the Bar Exam</p>	<p>Mandrell</p>	<p>Due on Tuesday, August 16th</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 Professor Mandrell (elmandrell@widener.edu) and let her know which state's exam you will take.</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 Professor Mandrell if you have any questions.</p>
<p>MidPenn Practicum</p>	<p>Simcox & Matash</p>	<p>Due on Tuesday, August 16th</p> <p>Please log on to CORE under the Experiential Learning tab. Use the box in the upper right-hand corner to ADD Experience. This will guide you through adding the information for your placement. Once completed, I will approve, and this will activate your file. I will also be sending a short video on how to use this module. It is pretty easy.</p> <p>Read chapters 1 and 3 for <i>Learning From Practice</i> and watch the "Sheila Heen Ted Talk" video. These can be found by accessing the Resource Library tab on CORE and then clicking on the Externship Course Materials tab.</p> <p>I will send a message the week before class starts with information and all requirements will be discussed in our 1st meeting on August 16. See you then!</p>
<p>Native American Law</p>	<p>MacRae</p>	<p>Due on Tuesday, August 16th</p> <p>Please read pages 71-102 in the required text.</p>
<p>Negotiation [August 11 & 13]</p>	<p>Capowski</p>	<p>Due on Thursday, August 11th</p> <p>Professor Capowski emailed the class his first assignment. If you did not receive that email, please contact him at jjcapowski@widener.edu.</p>
<p>Payment Systems</p>	<p>Hoy</p>	<p>Due on Wednesday, August 17th</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 17th</p> <p>There is no first assignment for the first class, which is a Zoom session.</p>

Pre-Trial Methods	Marsico	<p>Due on Wednesday, August 17th</p> <p>There is no first assignment for the first class, which is a Zoom session.</p>
Privacy & Cybersecurity [August 12 & September 17]	Randby & Fox	<p>Due on Friday, August 12th</p> <p>Click here to view the course syllabus, which contains all of the first-day assignments for the course. Feel free to contact me at llaub4@comcast.net with any questions you have.</p>
Products Liability	S. Raeker-Jordan	<p>Due on Monday, August 15th</p> <p>Consult the course Canvas page for the first assignment, which will be available on August 8th. Specifically, complete the "Start the Course Here" module and the Class One module for the first day of class.</p>
Professional Responsibility	Lee	<p>Due on Tuesday, August 16th</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 (click here); 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 (click here to view on ABA site). Hard copies of the packet and syllabus will be available in bins on the wall outside the faculty secretary's office by August 15th.</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	<p>Due on Tuesday, August 16th</p> <p>The first assignment for Property I will be posted to the Canvas site for the course on August 8th.</p>
Property I (section P)	Hemingway	<p>Due on Tuesday, August 16th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Access Property I 2022 (Hemingway) on Canvas. ○ Review the syllabus posted on Canvas. ○ Read and complete Class Prep Guide I posted on Canvas under "Module 1." ○ Read Barros, Hemingway, Cavalieri (BHC) <i>Property Law</i>, p. 1-10.

Property I (section R)	Yeargain	<p>Due on Tuesday, August 16th</p> <p>Please read the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Casebook, pages 3–12 ○ <i>Johnson v. McIntosh</i> (and notes 1–2) ○ Supplement, pages 2–16 (available once Canvas page is set up) ○ <i>Dred Scott v. Sandford</i> ○ <i>Ball v. James</i>
Sales and Leases	Meadows	<p>Due on Tuesday, August 16th</p> <p>Please complete Assignment 1 from the syllabus on Chartacourse. Check the Canvas calendar for your assignment for the second class.</p>
Secured Transactions	Eshenaur	<p>Due on Wednesday, August 17th</p> <p>Please read the section of the textbook titled “Assignment 1.” And Professor Eshenaur also said, “Come prepared to be amazed.”</p>
SEMINAR: Election Law	Dimino	<p>Due on Wednesday, August 17th (unless otherwise noted)</p> <p>Please sign onto the TWEN site and read the syllabus that is posted thereon. For our first class, read pages 3-10 of the Casebook for background, and read pages 10-25 and 999-1024 with your usual care.</p> <p>For our second class, please read pages 26-41, 46-56 (through note 11), 71-74, and 122-144 of the Casebook.</p>
SEMINAR: Sustainability Law Practicum	Dernbach	<p>Due on Tuesday, August 16th</p> <p>The first assignment for the Sustainability Law Practicum is posted on Canvas.</p>
State Constitutional Law	DeLiberato	<p>Due on Wednesday, August 17th</p> <p>Please read pages 82-137 in the assigned 5th edition casebook before the first class, which is a Zoom session. You can click here to view the course syllabus.</p>

<p>Taxation of Business Entities</p>	<p>C. Johnson</p>	<p>Due on Monday, August 15th</p> <p>For the first week, please read the following in the Kwall text:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Unit 1: Read pages 1-14 ○ Unit 2: Read pages 15-19 and 27-31 ○ Unit 3: Read pages 36-53, page 58 (inhibiting triple taxation) – please review IRC 243, 246(c), 1059(a)-(c). ○ Unit 4: Read p. 64-93 (skim Snow Mfg., Irving Berlin & Darrow, focus on Notes)
<p>Torts I (section N)</p>	<p>Kearney</p>	<p>Due on Monday, August 15th</p> <p>Please read the following in your Torts casebook:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of Liability, pp. 1-4 - <i>Garratt v. Dailey</i>, pp. 17-20 - Restatement Sections 13 and 18, pp. 37-38
<p>Torts I (sections P1 & P2)</p>	<p>Lee</p>	<p>Due on Monday, August 15th (for section P1) Due on Wednesday, August 17th (for section P2)</p> <p>Please read <i>Garratt v. Dailey</i> (page 17 in the Prosser text), and read pages 4-8 of the syllabus (click here). Hard copies of the syllabus will be available in bins on the wall outside the faculty secretary's office by August 15th.</p>
<p>Torts II (section R)</p>	<p>Lee</p>	<p>Due on Monday, August 15th</p> <p>Click here to view the course syllabus. Please read <i>Cyanamid</i> (page 801 in the Prosser text) and <i>Langan v. Valicopters</i> (click here). Hard copies of the syllabus will be available in bins on the wall outside the faculty secretary's office by August 15th.</p>
<p>Trial Methods</p>	<p>Kluk</p>	<p>Due on Thursday, August 18th</p> <p>Read and be prepared to discuss the sample case <i>Commonwealth v. Smith</i>. This case file is not in the book and will be sent via email.</p>