

Introduction to Lawyering Skills/Torts
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First Week Assignment

Week 1, August 19

Topics: Introduction to Torts and Lawyering Skills, Introduction to Intentional Torts, Battery, Basic Legal Citation, Citing a Case, Introduction to Legal Research, Researching in Legal Encyclopedias and Treatises, Email Correspondence.

YOU MUST SIGN UP FOR TWEN BEFORE THE FIRST CLASS. YOU WILL RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS VIA EMAIL ON WATCHING CITATION VIDEOS IN ADVANCE OF THE FIRST CLASS.

Monday a.m.: Sloan, Ch. 1 (do not read the materials on ALWD because we will not be using that citation manual). Bluebook: please review the Quick Reference: Court Documents and Legal Memoranda (located inside of the back cover of the Bluebook), the Table of Contents, and pp. 1-14, 87-99. Your goal is not to memorize, but to familiarize yourself with structure of the Bluebook. In addition, you must watch a video that will explain the basics of legal citation – information on watching this video will be emailed to you a few days before classes start.

Monday p.m.: Dobbs, Chs. 1 & 2; Neumann & Simon, Chs. 1-3, 5, 6. Sloan, Ch. 4 pp. 43-51, 61-68. Bring to class a hard copy of your brief of Van Camp v. McAfoos.

Wednesday: Research Assignment 1 due in hard copy. Dobbs, Ch. 3, pp. 29-46; Neumann & Simon, Ch. 26.

Your email analysis (assigned in class) must be sent to Professor Modesitt by 8:45 a.m. on Friday.