The required text is the ninth edition of *American Criminal Procedure* by Saltzburg & Capra. I have not required you to purchase the supplement to the casebook, but will be assigning extra pages as necessary to cover the many cases decided by the Supreme Court since the publication of this edition of your casebook.

**For the first day of class, students should read and be prepared to discuss pages 7-16 of the casebook.**

We will cover a more complete course overview on the first day of class, but students who choose to enroll in this class may want to know the following in advance:

- This course does not lend itself to laptop note-taking. Surveys at other schools report that students are more satisfied with the learning environment in no-laptop courses. Although some students prefer to use laptops, a larger number of students in the surveys say that classrooms are quieter, they can hear the teacher and other students better, and they feel more engaged in the classroom experience with fewer distractions. Accordingly, students may not use a laptop during class and should be prepared to take notes on paper.

- A note about the reading load: The law of federal criminal procedure comes almost exclusively from the U.S. Constitution and the many, many, many Supreme Court decisions interpreting it. As a result, the study of criminal procedure often requires a heavy amount of reading. When the Court starts announcing the rules all at once, in terse opinions, the professor promises to decrease the reading load.

**Please also note that we will not have class on Thursday, October 17.**