INITIAL ASSIGNMENT

Legal Analysis, Writing & Research I – Section B2
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Professor McElroy

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Welcome to The Maurice A. Deane School of Law of Hofstra University. While you may be feeling somewhat intimidated by the prospect of three years of law school, don’t. Orientation is designed to lessen your apprehension and give you some tools to smooth the transition into law school. The more you relax the better you will learn. As your Orientation schedule indicates, we will have our first class on Wednesday, August 20th from 1:30 - 3:30. Please check your Orientation schedule, or in the Registrar’s office, to determine the room in which we will be meeting.

Prior to our first LAW&R I class, please: **purchase the following books, which are available in the Hofstra Bookstore:**

Required Texts: Neumann, Legal Reasoning and Legal Writing (7th ed.)
The Bluebook, A Uniform System of Citation (19th ed.)
Wydick, Plain English for Lawyers

For our first class on Wednesday, August 20th, (please check your Orientation schedule, or in the Registrar’s office, to determine the room in which we will be meeting) read Chapters 1 through 4 in the Neumann text. As you read the Roberson case beginning on page 25 ask yourself which part(s) of the decision each sentence of the opinion is conveying. Be prepared to discuss Exercise II, on page 33 and be prepared to contribute to the creation of a class wide brief of the Costanza case (pages 35-37 in Neumann book) in a format similar to that covered during orientation.

Welcome and good luck. I look forward to working with all you.