

Legal Analysis, Writing & Research I
Fall, 2016
Professor Cascino

Assignment for First Class – Wednesday, August 17th

Welcome to Hofstra Law School. I look forward to meeting you during Orientation. Our first session is designed to provide you with some tools to assist you in your transition to law school and also to begin the work of Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I.

Prior to our first Legal Analysis class, please:

1. Purchase the following books, which are available in the Hofstra Bookstore:

Neumann, *Legal Reasoning and Legal Writing* (7th ed.);
Sloan, *Basic Legal Research: Tools and Strategies* (6th ed.)
The Bluebook, A Uniform System of Citation (20th ed.); and
Interactive Citation Workbook for the Bluebook (2016 ed.).

I also recommend that you buy a legal dictionary of your choice. It is an essential tool for all of your classes.

2. We will also be using *Core Grammar for Lawyers*. This program is an online self-instructional learning program that will give you practice in fundamental grammar conventions as well as advanced grammar issues that are specific to legal writing. Instructions for purchasing and completing the program will be discussed at our first class.
3. **Please be aware that you must register for the TWEN page for this class immediately. I post many class assignments and other documents on TWEN, and also use it to communicate with the class.**
4. **Please read Chapters 1-4 in *Legal Reasoning and Legal Writing*. Prepare exercise II on p. 33. Based on the briefing guidelines you will cover in orientation, please prepare a case brief of the Costanza case on page 35.** Although I will not collect this assignment, you will be expected to participate in class discussion concerning the elements of your brief.

I look forward to meeting you in a few weeks. In the meantime, enjoy the rest of your summer!