

**Legal Analysis, Writing & Research I**  
**Fall, 2017**  
**Professor Stein**

Welcome to Hofstra Law School. 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. I will also do whatever I can to help.

We will have our first class on Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 am - noon. Please check the schedule to determine the room in which we will be meeting.

**Please also note that we will have an additional class on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 12 pm, in Room 014 in the basement of the Law School. This course is “front-loaded,” which means that we will often meet for more than three hours a week earlier in the semester. We do this so that you will finish the requirements for this class prior to the end of the semester so that you may devote your energies to your other classes.**

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* (8th ed.);  
Sloan, *Basic Legal Research Tools and Strategies* (6<sup>th</sup> Edition); *The Bluebook, A Uniform System of Citation* (20<sup>th</sup> ed.) and *Interactive Citation Workbook for the Bluebook* (2017 Edition). **Be certain that you have the correct edition for each book.**
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 there, and also use it to communicate with the class.**
- 4. Please read Chapters 1-3 in *Legal Reasoning and Legal Writing*. Because case briefing is so important, we will be reinforcing the skills that you were introduced to during orientation. Please review the case brief that you prepared for the Roberson case for your ITL class, and bring it with you. If you did not brief that case for ITL, please do so before our first class. Please also brief the Costanza case on pp. 35-36 of Neumann, using the color-coded “Case Briefing Form” that I have posted on TWEN.** A couple of comments about this assignment:
  - Please make sure your Costanza brief is typewritten because I will be collecting it. There is no need to print it in color, black ink is fine.
  - Feel free to download the Case Briefing Form and use it for your briefs in all of your classes.
  - Be sure to allow enough time for this assignment as it is likely to take longer than you think and you will need to spend time looking up unfamiliar terms. You will be expected to participate in class discussions, even those held on the first day.
5. Please print out and read through the Course Outline and Guidelines that are posted on the TWEN page for this class. We will be discussing them during our first session.
6. Fill out the “Student Information Form” posted on TWEN and bring it to class because I will be collecting it. The form may be either typed or handwritten.

I look forward to meeting you. In the meantime, enjoy the rest of your summer.