Readings and Exercises for the First Week of Classes
August 21 and 23

In the basement copy room, get volume 1 of Legal Drafting by Design — which we’ll call “the Drafting book.” (The syllabus calls it by a different title — Drafting Private an Public Law. We recently changed the name. Either way, it's the drafting book.)

Volume 2 will be ready in a few weeks. There's also a skills supplement, which you'll eventually get from the copy room. It, too, will be ready in a few weeks.

Amount of reading during the semester: There's more reading at the beginning of the course to prepare you to draft complete documents — and much less reading later (while you're drafting).

Monday, August 21

Read the course syllabus, which is on the school's assignments webpage. It is also at the beginning of the Drafting book, right after the table of contents. Read either one. They're identical.

In the Drafting book: — read pp. 1–63 (Chapters 1 through 5)
— read Appendices A and B (from the assignment’s webpage)
— do Exercises 1-A (pp. 12–16), 5-A (p. 56) and 5-C (pp. 60–63)

Wednesday, August 23

In the Drafting book: — read pp. 65–71 (Chapter 6)
— do Exercises 5-B (pp. 56–60) and 6-A (p. 71)