

**Family Law
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Text: Ellman et al., Family Law: Cases, Text, Problems (2011 rev. 5th Edition)

No Laptops or Other Electronic Devices During Class

This course does not lend itself to laptop note-taking. Surveys at other schools (and previous students who have taken this course at Hofstra) indicate 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, in Family Law you may not use a laptop, or any other electronic device, including phones, during class.*

Class #1
pp. 3-20
(through Glendon)

Chapter 1. Introduction
A. The Themes of Family and Family Law

1. What is the “revolution in families” and how does it affect the direction of family law?
2. Does the State have a legitimate interest in privileging certain kinds of families?
3. Should ‘marriage’ be at the center of family law?
4. What is the purpose of family law? What are its limits?