Criminal Law

Fall 2018 Semester

First Assignment

The textbook we are using for this course is Dressler and Garvey, Criminal Law; Cases and Comments (7th ed West Academic). You can purchase it in the university bookstore or anywhere else you can find the same edition at more favorable rates.

The assignments are listed in the order we will go over the material in class. At the end of each class, I will give you an idea about how far we will get in the next class. Please do not read too far ahead as the information will not be fresh in your mind for class.

I have attempted to “edit” the textbook to assign only those pages that are essential for the material we will cover. I may also cover the non-assigned material in class but I may not. Some of it may be helpful to you while you may find other parts confusing. That is not to say, however, that you cannot or should not read the material I have cut out.

In the Appendix to the textbook, the authors have included the Model Penal Code (MPC). Please refer to this every place in the assignments that a particular rule from the MPC is mentioned. In other words, look up and become familiar with the relevant Rule.

1. This course has a TWEN site. Please sign up for the TWEN site before class as it will be the way I communicate with you outside of class.

2. **Please read the course Syllabus carefully before the 1st class.** While I will explain some of the course procedures in class, I will not spend time on everything. If you have questions, please ask them in class.

3. **Chapter 1- Introduction: Setting the Stage**
   
   Pages 1-3, (before Notes and ?s, hereafter “N and Q”)  
   Pages 4-10 (before N and Q)  
   Pages 11 (note 2) – 13 (before note 5)