

TO: LAW&R II Students
FROM: Professor Stein
DATE: January 3, 2019

Congratulations on successful completion of your first semester of law school and welcome back. We will have two LAW&R II classes the first week of school- our regularly scheduled class on Wednesday the 9th and an extra class on **Friday, January 11th from 12:10 pm until 2:00 p.m. in Room 205.** Remember that LAW&R II, like LAW&R I, is designed to require the most work early in the semester. We will have a lot of work to do to ensure that we can finish the course early.

Throughout the regular semester, we will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays between 8:10 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. in Room 205. If we miss a class due to snow, we will make it up the following Friday from 8:10-10:00 am.

Before the first class, please do the following:

- ⇒ Purchase *Introduction to Advocacy: Research, Writing and Arguments* 8th edition, we will use this book throughout the semester. Please be certain to purchase the correct edition.
- ⇒ Be certain to sign up for this class on TWEN.
- ⇒ Complete the Student Information Form posted on TWEN, and bring the completed form to the first class. It is important that I have this form so that I can schedule your oral argument.
- ⇒ Read the Course Outline and Guidelines carefully.
- ⇒ We will be discussing the Multistate Performance Test (“MPT”) at our first class session. Please read the materials posted on TWEN, including the *State v. Fanning* and *In re Rowan* exams. There is no need for you to complete either of those exams yet, just familiarize yourself with them. I have posted a large number of past tests and scoring sheets. There is no need to read all of them, just look at a couple to give yourself an idea of what the test is like.
- ⇒ **Please note that oral arguments will be held April 5th through April 8th. You will only need to come on one of those dates- you will receive your specific time later in the semester.**
- ⇒ **Sign up for Lexis/Westlaw Classes:** Lexis and Westlaw will be holding research classes at various times during the first few weeks of school. These sessions are specifically geared to appellate research, which is what you will be doing this semester. Students **MUST** sign up for each training session through the individual vendor’s website, not through the library. **You must attend both classes, these classes are mandatory.** Attendance is taken so I am able to check compliance. Failure to attend both classes will negatively impact your professionalism grade.

Training times will be determined by the vendor’s reps and students can sign up for training online by clicking on the links I have provided below.

Westlaw: Sign on to the www.lawschool.westlaw.com home page.

Look under the “Learn” heading on the right side of the website and choose the “On-Campus Training Calendar” option.

You will see the Training Calendar with the list of Westlaw Training sessions listed by each month.

Click on “Enroll” to register for your desired training session. After you enroll in the training session, it will appear on your Training List. You can also select the “Details” option to confirm the training session location, time and other information. If you have any questions, please email our Westlaw Rep, Stefanie Efrati stefanie.efrati@thomsonreuters.com

Lexis: Log-in and click the “MY SCHOOL” link near the top of the page. Click on the name of the training that you would like to attend. Click the blue “Register for this event” button to enroll. If you have any questions, please email our Lexis Rep, Ann Stafalias antoinette.stafalias@lexisnexis.com

Enjoy the rest of your break. I look forward to seeing all of you soon!