Summer/Fall, 2017

Re: Civil Procedure I

Dear Students,

Welcome to law school and to Civ Pro.

Assignments:

- Over summer, read *A Civil Action* (Harr).
- Before the first class, read 3-38 of *Civil Procedure: A Coursebook* (Glannon).

Your summer reading is the non-fiction book *A Civil Action*, which follows a lawsuit from tragic beginning to bitter end—the discovery of injuries, the filing of a lawsuit, the fact investigation, motion practice, the use of experts, trial, appeal, and settlement. Throughout the semester, we will refer to events in the book that illustrate some of the rules of civil procedure. The book also provides the basis for a writing assignment, as well as a class exercise. You should feel free to enjoy the entire book. And yet, it is a long read. You are only expected to read portions relevant to class: 1-50, 74-105, 132-193, 256-263, 285-88, 325-340, 351-371, 391-96, 451-60, 470-73, 477, 487, 491-92. (Page numbers are based on the below-listed version.)

The first reading for class provides an overview of civil procedure. The chapter introduces you to new terms. You will start to understand these terms towards the end of November. You are all learning a new and difficult language in law school. As you make your way through this chapter, think about what “civil procedure” is and what purpose it serves.

Materials required for this course:


I look forward to meeting you.

Best,

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