

Required Books:

Jay M. Feinman, *Law 101: Everything You Need to Know about the American Legal System*, Oxford University Press, 2006 (2d Edition)

Michael A. Berch, et al., *Introduction to Legal Methods and Process: Cases and Materials*, West, 2006 (4th Edition)

Requirements:

Students will be required to attend class, participate actively, write a final paper and take a final examination. The success of the seminar will depend on the willingness of students to come to class prepared and to participate in class discussions.

In advance of the seminar session, I will assign students to do oral reports in class on most of the cases or readings assigned. One student will report on one reading or case assigned. After that report and the seminar discussion of that reading or case, we will move on to another student and that student's report on the next reading or case in the week's assignment. The oral reports should summarize the material and advance at least one critical observation about something you found interesting, provocative, confusing, worthwhile or troubling about the material. The reports should be about 10 minutes. Class discussion will follow each student presentation.

Weekly Reading Assignments:

1. Feinman, Preface, Ch. 1-3
2. " .. " Ch. 4-5
3. Ch. 6-7
4. Berch, et al. pp. 1-53 middle
5. pp. 53-99 middle
6. pp. 99-151
7. No class: Paper proposals and one-on-one discussion with instructor about proposal.
8. Berch, pp. 152-222 bottom
9. pp. 222-65 middle
10. pp. 265-300
11. pp. 383-92 bottom
12. pp. 392-468
13. pp. 469-529 top