USF School of Law  
Fall 2020 – First Assignment

Course:  
Appellate Advocacy

Professor:  
Monalisa Vu

Course Materials:  
Please reference the booklist on the USF Law Registrar’s Course Resources page here.

First Assignment:  
1) Beazley, Chapter 1 and  
2) Scalia, General Principles of Argumentation  
3) Register and Attend MOOTING AN ANIMAL APPELLATE ARGUMENT. The event takes place on Thursday, AUGUST 27, from 12:30 pm - 1:50 pm. The flyer and registration information can be found in the attachment.

Additional Notes:  

ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION

Link:
https://usfca.zoom.us/j/94205501745pwd=VEl4VNYZnlhTWJ1aG9XdXVLVINGUT09

Meeting ID: 942 0550 1745
Password: 795788
MOOTING AN ANIMAL LAW APPELLATE ORAL ARGUMENT: JUSTICE V. VERCHEL PRACTICE SESSION

Please join Professor Matthew Liebman and other faculty for a public moot court preparation for Professor Liebman’s oral argument before the Oregon Court of Appeals in the groundbreaking animal law case, Justice v. Vercher. With oral argument scheduled for September 2, Professor Liebman will be practicing his argument in front of a panel of faculty “judges.” Students are invited to observe. This case raises the fundamental question of whether animals are legal persons with the capacity to sue. Specifically, the question before the court is whether a horse may be a plaintiff in a negligence per se action to recover veterinary care damages against his former owner, who was convicted of criminal animal neglect. Not just an animal law case, Justice v. Vercher raises questions of tort law, guardianship law, criminal law, legal philosophy, and public interest impact litigation strategy. The argument will be followed by faculty feedback and student Q&A.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2020 FROM 12:30 TO 1:50 P.M.

REGISTER NOW.

This event is co-sponsored by the Animal Legal Defense Fund University of San Francisco School of Law Student Chapter and the Moot Court Program.