Welcome to Civil Procedure!

The syllabus is posted on TWEN. There is a chapter to read and a movie to watch before the first class. Both are set forth below.

The required materials for this class are as follows:

**Required Materials**


i>Clicker 2 Response System (You may not use the cell phone version of the system)

Standard college-style, ruled, single subject spiral notebook (approx. 70 pages; approx. 8.5 x 11”). Black or blue pens for class quizzes and Wednesday in-class writing assignments. For in-class assignments, you may not use loose-leaf paper; no pencils; no green, pink or purple ink. **You will need this notebook in every class, including the first class.**

First Assignment

I. Read Ch. 1 of *Civil Procedure: A Coursebook*, “An Introduction to American Courts” pp. 3-19. Try to answer the following questions:

1. What is civil procedure?
2. What are the two American court systems?
3. What is “original jurisdiction”?
4. What are federal trial courts called?
5. What is subject matter jurisdiction (SMJ)?
6. What is SMJ of state court?
7. What is SMJ of federal court?
8. What is exclusive jdx? How is it different from original jdx?

II. Watch the 1993 movie “Groundhog Day” and be ready to discuss the following:

1. What’s the plot?
2. What’s Phil like at the beginning of the movie? At the end? What makes him change?
3. How does Phil’s relationship with Rita change? How does he finally win her heart?
4. What’s your favorite line in the movie?
5. What message does this movie have for you?
6. How does this movie relate to Civ Pro?

I look forward to seeing you on Monday, August 19. Section II Civ Pro starts at 10:00 a.m. Section I starts at 1:30.

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PS Please do not email me before class as I will be unable to respond.