USF School of Law  
Fall 2019 – First Assignment

Course:  
Property I

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Course Materials:  
- John G. Sprankling, Understanding Property Law (4th ed. 2017) (Assignments to the supplement will be indicated by “Understanding”)
- Required Supplemental Readings: Required supplemental readings, explanatory handouts, and problem sets will be available on TWEN.

First Assignment:  
I. HOW AND WHY DO WE ALLOCATE PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS?  
   A. Introduction to Underlying Principles  
      - Pp 1-8 (What principles are served by giving property rights to one person versus another?)  
      - Pp 25-27 (What are “property” rights?) (up to but not including more detailed material)
   B. Applying the Principles: Rights to Natural Resources: Wild Animals, Oil, and Water  
      1. Wild Animals  
         - Pp 8-15 (capture of wild animals)  
         - Pp 165-66 (note f, on the tragedy of the commons and fisheries)
      2. International Oil Conflicts  
         - News article on Iraq war (rule of capture and oil) (Supp Rdgs)

Additional Notes:  
I look forward to meeting you! If you have any questions about the course, don’t hesitate to be in touch. The best way to reach me now is via email: kaswan@usfsca.edu.