# USF School of Law
## Fall 2020 – First Assignment

### Course:
Civil Procedure I

### Professor:
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### Course Materials:
Please reference the booklist on the USF Law Registrar’s Course Resources [page here](#).

### First Assignment:

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<th>Week # Date</th>
<th>Topic, Key Concepts, Study and Writing Skills</th>
<th>Reading (significant cases are italicized) and Study Guide. Readings are to be done before class.</th>
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| 1.1 8/24/20 | Introduction to Civil Procedure  
Key Concepts:  
- The practice of law starts now  
- No shortcuts  
- Federal and State court systems, their structure and subject matter jurisdiction ("SMJ")  
Class Requirements  
Canvas  
Bar Tickets  
TA’s  
ABES Learning | Read this Syllabus and refer to it during the term.  
CP Ch. 1, “An Introduction to American Courts” pp. 3-19  
Study guide:  
1. What is civil procedure?  
2. What are the two American court systems?  
3. What is subject matter jurisdiction (SMJ)?  
4. What is “original jurisdiction”?  
5. What are federal trial courts called?  
6. What is SMJ of state court?  
7. What is SMJ of federal court?  
8. Do all courts have a limit to SMJ? Explain. |
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<th>Study Skill #1: How to Study for Law School</th>
<th>9. What is exclusive jdx? How is it different from original jdx? Video: “How to Study for Law School” — watch video and take quiz (Canvas)</th>
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| **1.2 8/26/20** | **The Litigation Process**  
**Key Concepts:**  
- Timeline of civil case from filing to disposition  
- Three phases of litigation: Pleading, Discovery, Disposition  
- Sources of law: FRCP and CCP; Constitution, case law  

**Bar Ticket #1** — Every Wednesday, submit on Canvas by 6:30 p.m. No late submissions considered.  

**CP Ch. 2, “A Description of the Litigation Process” pp. 21-38**  

**Read “California Civil Case Timeline” (Canvas)**  

**Study guide:**  
1. How is a lawsuit started?  
2. How does a defendant respond to a complaint?  
3. What is discovery? What tools are available?  
4. How does court manage the litigation?  
5. How are cases resolved before trial?  
6. What is basic order of trial?  
7. Do parties have a right to appeal? What is role of the appellate court?  
8. What are sources of law for civil procedure? |