USF School of Law
Fall 2020 – First Assignment

Course:
Property I

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

First Assignment:

**MODULE 1**

TUES. AUG 25: CLASS #1
TOPIC: CONCEPT OF PROPERTY & ITS PARAMETERS

Other Homework:

1. Class 1 Self-Introduction (to submit BEFORE our first class) = **20 points**
2. Basic Property Questions (To submit BEFORE reading assigned material and before first class meeting) = **20 points**

Assigned Videos:

1. Watch Course introduction video (23:28)
2. Watch Class 1 introduction video

Assigned Reading:
1. Read the Preface (pp. v – vii only); read pp. 1 – 7 (end before introductory paragraph for “Right to Exclude”);
2. Read “Statement of Progressive Property”;
3. Print and have available for class “Property Law Questions and Property Policy Perspectives Chart”
4. Browse the website: https://inequality.org/facts/

Focus:

1. Note: Your self-introduction and the first writing assignment are due before our first class meeting.
2. Read the casebook Preface carefully to understand what the casebook editors are trying to accomplish with this text. It may be different from your other classes.
3. As you can imagine, Property law is heavily debated. The Concept of Property & Its Parameters section provides a very brief overview of some different approaches to property law. Consider which approach most closely aligns with your current view. We will consider future cases and notes in light of these policy perspectives.
4. Prepare any questions you have about the assigned material.

Optional Reading:

1. For an overview of this introductory material, see John Sprankling, Understanding Property 4th ed, 3 – 24.
2. For an overview of the course and a framework for approaching Property Law, see “Introduction to Property Law” on our Canvas website.
3. For another type of introduction to Property Law, read “Competing Claims to Original Acquisition” in the Optional Enrichment section of our Canvas website.
4. Professor Emeritus Dale Whitman has generously provided a whole set of free YouTube videos on almost all topics covered in Property I and II. You can access them at: entire playlist, you’ll find it at https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLgEQKqmB5J6n35DByEBB1_6JDJUcgcfS Or you can simply search on YouTube for “ProfDale” and you can easily find them.
5. If you want a study aid, Carolyn J. Nygren, Starting Off Right in Property (1998) may be useful. It is available in Zief Law Library.
7. For an excellent introduction to legal reasoning and analysis, see Kenneth J. Vandevelde, Thinking Like a Lawyer: An Introduction to Legal Reasoning (2nd 2011).

8. For thoughtful reflections of the moral issues raised by Property Law, see Emily Sherwin, “Three Reasons Why Even Good Property Rights Cause Moral Anxiety,” Cornell Legal Studies Research Paper No. 06-001. This essay is posted in the Optional Enrichment section of our Canvas website.

Additional Notes: