Comparative Law (Law 700-01)
Research & Writing Assignments for January 6
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Due to a scheduled out-of-town research trip, our first class meeting will be Monday, January 13 rather than Monday, January 6. This assignment will take the place of class on January 6 and serve as preparation for our first meeting on January 13.

Please read the series of pieces posted on Canvas (under ‘Course Materials’ in the folder entitled ‘Readings for 1/6’ and ‘Readings for 1/13’).

We will hit the ground running with in-class discussion of the basics of comparative law as both a field and a method. Our first week will focus on the questions: What is Comparative Law? Why is it important? How do we do it?

In addition to reading through the various materials, please complete the following assignment.

Assignment 1:

Read the materials in the Canvas folder for January 6. Then find a contemporary example of comparative law in the news. Read through it and provide a short written analysis of the piece, answering the following questions:

- Why do you think this is an important example of comparative law?
- What legal issues, systems, or traditions do you see present in the example you have chosen?
- What was the primary thing you learned from reading your selected piece that you think will be helpful to you as a lawyer in a globalized world?

Please post your analysis to Canvas under the ‘Discussion’ tab labeled Assignment 1 Discussion by Wednesday, January 8. Please make sure to use proper grammar and spelling. Your write-ups should be written in essay format (as opposed, for example, to an outline or using bullet points).

You are also responsible for providing thoughtful feedback on one of the other students’ posts by Monday, January 13 by 5:00 p.m.

This assignment counts for 5% of your course grade.

An example of the kind of news story/article I am talking about (there are many, many out there) has been uploaded to the Canvas site for you (entitled ‘Jay-Z Copyright Lawsuit’).

Please email me at dzartner@usfca.edu if you have any questions.