USF School of Law  
Fall 2021 – First Assignment  

Course:  
Property Law I  

Professor:  
Prof. Tim Iglesias  

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

First Assignment:  

MON, AUG 23: 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  
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. 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: