USF School of Law  
Spring 2021 – First Assignment

Course:  
Property II (sections 1 & 3)

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Course Materials:  
Please see the [Book List](#), published on the Registrar’s page.

First Assignment:  

I hope you had a restful break, and look forward to seeing you.

This assignment is also posted on the syllabus page of the Canvas site and in the course modules on housing discrimination and on servitudes (easements page). There you can more easily access the hyper-links.

1. HOUSING DISCRIMINATION  

Although this material is presented in the landlord-tenant context, the material on housing discrimination applies to all forms of housing transactions.

Pp 442-43 (federal Fair Housing Act (FHA) text)

Read National Fair Housing Alliance discussion of 2019 FHA case settled against Facebook  
[https://nationalfairhousing.org/facebook-settlement/](https://nationalfairhousing.org/facebook-settlement/)

P 449-50 (“c” Exemptions; “e” Hypotheticals (problems 1-4; “f” State Statutes)

To work through the hypotheticals, apply the statute carefully. Consider who is covered by the FHA and what actions are covered by the statute. In considering the exemptions, think about the circumstances that led to these exceptions and their potential implications.

Check out who is protected under California fair housing law:  
[https://www.dfeh.ca.gov/housing/#whoBody](https://www.dfeh.ca.gov/housing/#whoBody)
2. SERVITUDES

a. Introduction to Servitudes: pp 683-84

“Servitudes,” as a group, are the private interests people have in each other’s property. They range from easements – like a right-of-way over a neighbor’s property – to various kinds of promises to one’s neighbors, like an agreement to refrain from drying clothes outdoors (a common historical restriction) or a promise to paint one’s house red.

b. Easements

i. Basics:

Pp 684-86
Easements problem set, Part I (Canvas)

Here we will learn some of the basic vocabulary associated with easements, as well as a few basic rules. Be sure to do the problem set BEFORE class.

Comparison with other types of property interests: p 689

A key issue-spotting skill – in the real world as well as for exams – is knowing WHAT legal interest (and associated legal rules) you’re dealing with. So pay careful attention to understanding how to differentiate an easement from other types of property interests.

ii. Transfer of Easements

Pp 689-90 (“c”: Easements and Conveyances)
Easements problem set, Part II (Canvas)

Submit Easements problem set (Canvas Assignments page; due Monday, January 11, prior to first class)

Additional Notes:

We will use the same texts this semester: the Sprankling casebook and supplement.