USF School of Law  
FALL 2018 – First Assignment

Course:  
LAW 600 – Civil Procedure

Professor:  
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Course Materials:  
- Glannon/ Civil Procedure: A Coursebook/ Wolters Kluwer, 3rd ed. (Students may use 2nd, or 3rd edition)  
- Kane, Levine/CIVIL PROCEDURE IN CALIFORNIA: STATE AND FEDERAL /West /2018 (Students may use 2015, 2016, 2017, or 2018 edition)  
- iClicker Response System (Students may NOT use the cell-phone version)

First Assignment:  
Welcome to USF Law School and to Civil Procedure! You are not required to know anything about the law before taking this course. Almost everything – if not everything – you study in this course will be new to you. We will study how a civil lawsuit moves through the court system. You will learn lots of new terms – complaint, cross-complaint, demurrer, summary judgment, subject matter jurisdiction – and will learn many new rules. By the end of the semester, you will understand civil procedure but your family won’t understand a word you’re saying!

In the first class, we will study the basics of the court system. We will discuss state and federal systems, trial courts and courts of appeal, and the timeline of a civil case as it moves through the court from filing to dismissal. Please read and make a copy of the syllabus, posted on TWEN, and bring it to class. Please purchase an I-Clicker 2 Response System, register it, and bring it to class. Additionally, read these materials in our textbook, Glannon, Perlman, Raven-Hansen, Civil Procedure: A Coursebook, (3rd Ed., 2017)¹:
  - Chapter 1, “An Introduction to American Courts,” pp 3-19  

¹ You may instead use the second edition. There is not a big difference in the newer version. The pagination is slightly different.
Additional Notes:
This course will require your complete attention. For that reason, I require that you leave your beloved laptops, phones and other devices behind and take notes by hand. I have found that, as thrilling as civil procedure is, it is no match to the lure of messages from friends or the prospect of shopping for shoes. I look forward to meeting you first thing Monday morning.

Judge Duryee