USF School of Law
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Course:
Law 616 Evidence

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Course Materials:

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

First Assignment:

Read Merritt & Simmons study guide & chapters 1-4; read Spiderman criminal case materials (on Canvas, Module 1). Then note the following: California trial judges read jurors a standard instruction on the difference between direct & circumstantial evidence (but that they are treated equally). That example essentially says that if a witness comes to court to testify he just came in from outside where he observed it to be raining, that would be direct evidence; but if a witness testified he saw a man enter the courthouse from outside, wearing a dripping raincoat & shaking out his umbrella, that would be circumstantial evidence. EVERYONE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO CREATE AN EXAMPLE OF BOTH DIRECT AND CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.

Additional Notes: