**USF School of Law**  
**Spring 2022 – First Assignment**

**Course:**  
Property II

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**Course Materials:**

Please reference the [booklist](#) on the USF Law Registrar’s Course Resources page.  
Same as last semester:  
John G. Sprankling, UNDERSTANDING PROPERTY LAW (4th ed. 2017) (Assignments to the supplement will be indicated by “UNDERSTANDING”)  
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**First Assignment:**

I. 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)  
P 456 (“b” Roommate discrimination; “c” Advertising discrimination)
II. 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
1. 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.

Additional Notes:
Happy New Year! I look forward to seeing you again. Note that the Canvas site will be ready by the week before classes begin.