August 1, 2018

Dear LAWR1 Students:

Welcome to law school. I’m delighted that we will be working together this year. Below you will find information and reading materials relevant to our first three classes. Please make certain to have read through the assignments and readings carefully in advance of class. Enjoy the remainder of your summer.

Required Texts:


Readings/Assignments (8/21-8/23)

Tuesday 8/21

- Draft a brief biographical email to me that lets me know something about you. You can describe why you decided to go to law school, what you hope to achieve, your prior academic background and/or let me know something about you/your history that you are comfortable sharing. Please include some reference to the amount of writing you previously have done. Send your email before the beginning of class on 8/21. My address: cgswann@buffalo.edu
- Read Coughlin pp. vii-xx; 3-14
- Read “Get Real About Research & Writing”
- Read “Transitioning from Law School to Practice”
- Reading “Differences Between Undergraduate & Legal Writing”
- Read Kerr Case File Materials (Letter from partner, statute & cases)
- Read Sample CREAC Analysis

Wednesday 8/22

- Read Coughlin 15-31; 33-44; 193-209
- Fill out Legal Materials/Authority Worksheet (may be handwritten)*
- Complete Practice With the Hierarchy of Authority (may be handwritten)*
- Read How to Read a Statute
- Diagram the Florida Burglary Statute*

Thursday 8/23
• Read Coughlin pp. 45-72
• Read How to Read a Judicial Opinion
• Read How to Brief a Case
• Read Leichtman
• Review Leichtman brief
• Read Perkins
• Brief Perkins (typewritten)*
• Read Barris pp. 3-8, 10-16

*Bring two copies – one to hand in at the beginning of class & one to work on during class

I look forward to meeting you all. Best regards, Professor Swann