

PROPERTY I SYLLABUS

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Book: *Property: Principles and Policies*, Merrill and Smith (Foundation Press 2007)

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Course Responsibilities:

Your preparation before class and participation during class are the essential elements of a good law school experience. Please read and brief all the assigned cases carefully, and read with care all assigned introductory materials, notes, and questions; these give context to each case and help you analyze cases more comprehensively. Careful preparation will also help you articulate questions and comments for class discussion.

You are responsible for all assigned reading (even those portions we do not cover in class). You should prepare to cover about 25 pages per class. You are also responsible for all topics, issues, or problems discussed in class (even those that are not covered in the assigned reading).

Details regarding the final exam will be provided to you later in the semester. Your grade on the final will be your grade for Property. There may be quizzes given throughout the semester; however, these quizzes will not count toward your final grade.

My office hours for the semester are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Of course, I can be available to meet at other times by appointment.