

EVIDENCE

(Law 222, §§ 1 & 2)

Professor Parker

Fall 2007

Initial Assignments

Course Materials and TWEN site. The required materials for this course are (1) the Waltz and Park casebook entitled *Evidence* (Updated 10th ed. 2005: Foundation Press)(cited below as “CB”); and (2) a softbound pamphlet entitled *Federal Rules of Evidence 2007-2008 Edition* (West Group) (cited below as the “Rules Pamphlet”). There also is an optional book that should be available at the Arlington campus bookstore, which is the Mueller & Kirkpatrick hornbook on *Evidence* (3d ed. 2003: Aspen). Additional required and optional materials will be posted to the course’s TWEN site. For this reason among others, registration at the TWEN site is required of all enrolled students.

Class Meetings. This is a three-hour course that will meet twice weekly, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:30-5:45 P.M. (day section; in Room 332) and 8:00-9:15 P.M. (evening section; in Room 332), in one 75-minute session without a break. Given the importance of oral advocacy in Evidence, student participation in class discussions (usually by advocating or ruling on a question of evidence law in a hypothetical case, taken from the casebook hypotheticals or from a variation on one of the assigned cases from the casebook) will be stressed., and will enter into the final grade. A seating chart will be distributed at the first class meeting, and will be used as the definitive indicator of students’ presence and location throughout the semester. For that reason, students may not alternate between day and evening sections, and instead must choose to attend either day or evening for the entire semester.

Initial Reading Assignments.

For August 23: For class discussion, read the Introductory Lecture posted in the “Course Materials” forum of the course’s TWEN site. While reading that material, familiarize yourself with the contents of the Rules Pamphlet, with particular attention to the Federal Rules of Evidence, and also review the list of objections at CB62-70. As background material, also read the remainder of Casebook chapter 1 (CB1-61). If you have questions or comments on that material, you may raise them in class during the first week of classes.

For August 28: For class discussion, read Casebook chapter 2 (CB71-95). In lieu of the note treatment of *Sherrod v. Berry* at CB80. read the fuller version on the course TWEN site.

For August 30: Read CB 96-114 (through the hypotheticals preceding the *Zenni* case).

From September 4 onward, we will proceed straight through Casebook chapters 3 and 4, in sequence.

A full syllabus will be posted at the course TWEN site before the first class. The TWEN site also includes two sample examinations from this course in previous years, one in multiple-choice format and one in essay format.