

**Family Law
Spring 2008
Law 200-01**

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Office Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays after class, or by appointment.

Required Text: Krause, Elrod, Garrison & Oldham, *Family Law: Cases, Comments and Questions* (6th ed.).
Handout packet.

Assignments: The syllabus below will be posted on the law school's web site. Regular attendance and class participation are mandatory.

Grading: There will be a three-hour, closed book examination at the end of the semester. You will be responsible for the material covered during class discussions, as well as all of the readings, including those that are not discussed in class. Final grades may be raised or lowered by a single increment to reflect the quality of the class participation.

Attendance: Academic Regulation 4 governs attendance.

Assignments:

Tu Jan 8.	Changing family, changing family policy	
	<i>Lecture</i> , Federal "non-involvement," <i>Ankenbrandt</i>	Read text 1-19, 30-32,
	Family Privacy v. State Intervention.	Text 19-30 (top)
		Read text 35 (begin with bottom paragraph) -53
Thurs Jan 10.	Privacy v. State Intervention	
	Marriage Regulation	
	Parental Chastisement, Decisional Autonomy	Read text 54-74
	Marriage, Substantive Regs	Read text 75-94
Tu Jan 15	Marriage Regulation	
	Same Sex Unions	Read text 94-116
	<i>Lecture</i> , Health, pp. 116-18	
Thurs Jan 17	Marriage, Procedures re: Entry	Read text 118-139
Tu Jan 22	Rights and Obligations of Marriage:	Read text 140-44; 147-52; 158 (at B) -175

Thurs Jan 24	Marital Agreements	Read text 182-213 (to C)
Tues Jan 29	Nonmarital Relationships: Cohabitants	Read text 227-250
Thurs Jan 31	Future of Cohabitation	Read Handout , (Brinig article); text 251-59; 269 (from, Some Concluding Thoughts)-270
Tu Feb 5	Parenthood Avoidance: Contraception and Abortion Paternity	Read text 271-95 Read text 295-307
CLASS CANCELLED Thurs Feb 7 th for presentation in Rome (in Rome Feb 6-11)		
Make UP Class February _____:		
	Parenthood: Rights of Unmarried Fathers: Unmarried Fathers	Read text: 335-353
	Parenthood: Assisted Reproduction	Handout: (Alvaré article)
Tu Feb 12	Assisted Reproduction <i>Lecture:</i> status of embryo Parental Rights:	Text 376-89 Read text: 389- 401; 401-24
Thurs Feb 14	Child, Parent and State Children's Rights/Legal Status Education:	Read text 431-39 Read text 444-55
Tu Feb 19	Child, Parent and State Child Abuse and Neglect Termination of Parental Rights	Read text 488- 504 (end with note 10) Read text 509-524
Thurs Feb 21	Divorce Fault No Fault	Read text 567- 580 Read text 580-598
Tue Feb 26	Divorce Alternatives to Jurisdictional Issues	Read text 598-600 Read text 606- 625

- Thurs Feb 28 **Jurisdiction**
Support and Custody: Read text 625 – 646
- Tue March 4 **Child Custody**
Children’s Rights and Best Interests Read text 661-677
Lecture Palmore v. Sidoti: Text 677-79
Religion and life style: Read text 680-685
- Thurs March 6 **Child Custody**
Domestic Violence Read text 685- 695
Joint Custody Read text 699-708
- March 10 – 16 **Spring Recess**
- Tue March 18 **Visitation**
Visitation Read text 711 to 716, to end of note
2; also read notes 5-6 on pp. 717-18
- Thurs March 20 **Nonparent Custody and Visitation**
Lecture: Intro and *Painter* Text 718-727
Nonparents Read text 727-738, through
problem 14-4
- Tues March 25 **Nonparent Custody and Visitation**
Custody Modification

Read **Handout**(non-adopting homosexual co-parent or
psychological parent)
Modification Read text 740-50
- Thurs March 27 **Property Division at Divorce**
Defining, Valuing, Apportioning Read text 751-68; 771-81
- Tues April 1 **Property Division at Divorce**
Lecture Degrees and Licenses Text 781-791
Good will, Debts Read text 791-803
Dividing the Divisible Estate Read text 803-812
- Thurs April 3 **Spousal Support**
Conditions Read text 815-830; 833-34
Duration and Value Read text 836-848; 851-53
notes 2-6
- Tue April 8 **Child Support**
Child Support Read text 864-77

	<i>Lecture</i>	Text 877 – 885
	Amounts	Read text 888-897
Thurs April 10	Child Support	
	Recurring Cases	Read text 898-914
	Taxation	Read text 976-83
Tues April 15	Support, Modification and Enforcement	
	Modification	Read text 993-1021
	Enforcement	Read text 1022-32
Thurs April 17	Separation Agreements	
	Separation Agreements	Read text 923-38; 943-47

CLASSES END MONDAY APRIL 21