

FEDERAL COURTS

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The assigned casebook is Fallon, Meltzer & Shapiro, *THE FEDERAL COURTS AND THE FEDERAL SYSTEM* (5th ed. 2003). Most of the important cases after 2003 are found in the corresponding 2008 Supplement which the bookstore has ordered and you should buy along with the text. As the course proceeds, we may assign further cases too recent to appear in the Supplement.

You also may find useful David Currie's *FEDERAL JURISDICTION IN A NUTSHELL*.

All page references are to the casebook. Unless we say otherwise, review the relevant statutes (most are in Title 28 of the U.S. Code), as well as the corresponding sections of the Supplement.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 12: Introductory Material and Removal (cxi (U.S. Constitution, Art. III), 14-22, 28-33, 1536-39; 28 U.S.C. § § 1441-45; skim 40-54)

I. Diversity Jurisdiction

2. January 14: The Basics of Diversity (1453-59, 416-18; 28 U.S.C. § 1332
3. January 21: Complete Diversity (1459-63; 28 U.S.C. §§ 1335, 1367, 1369)
4. January 26: Corporations and Associations (1464-72)
5. January 28: Jurisdictional Amount (1472-84)
6. February 2: Supplemental Jurisdiction (1484-93; 28 U.S.C. § 1367)

II. Admiralty Jurisdiction

7. February 4: Admiralty (931-37; *Jerome B. Grubart, Inc. v. Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co.*, 513 U.S. 527 (1995); 28 U.S.C. § 1333)

III. Federal Question Jurisdiction

8. February 9: Constitutional Scope (826-55)
9. February 11: Statutory Scope (856-80; 28 U.S.C. § 1331)
10. February 16: Scope of Federal Jurisdiction (Cont'd)
11. February 18 : Declaratory Judgments (886-905)
12. February 23 : Supplemental and State Court Jurisdiction (918-30; 418-29, 443-46, 451-53)

IV. Suits Challenging Official Action

13. February 25: Suits Against the U.S. or Federal Officers (944-72)
14. March 3: Suits Against States (973-79, 1004-23)
15. March 5: Same, Continued (1023-59)
16. March 16: Suits Against State Officers (987-1004)
17. March 18: Civil Rights Actions: § 1983 and Bivens Claims (1072-79, 1084-87, 1091-97, 804-12; 42 U.S.C. § 1983)
18. March 23: Official Immunities (1112-34)

V. Limitations on Federal Jurisdiction

19. March 25: Injunctions (1148-58, 1161-69, 1172-77)
20. March 30: Equitable Restraint (1213-20, 1223-43)
21. April 1: Abstention (1186-1213; briefly skim 1258-77)

VI. Appellate and Collateral Review

22. April 6: Appellate Review (1556-65, 1572-80; *Kircher v. Putnam Funds Trust* (US 2006); 28 U.S.C. §§ 1251, 1254, 1257, 1291-92, 1651)
23. April 8: Appellate Review (Cont'd)
24. April 13: Supreme Court Review of State Cases (469-79, 483-91, 496-97, 501-08)
25. April 15 Habeas (1284-89, 1296-1302, 1327-32; 28 U.S.C. §§ 2241, 2254-55)
26. April 20: Congressional Control of Fed. Jur. (319-34, 337-44)

27. April 22: Review or Makeup Session