Family Law
Spring 2016
Law 212 (001)
21212

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Required Text:
Krause, Elrod, & Oldham, *Family Law: Cases, Comments and Questions*
(West: 7th ed.)

Required handouts will be distributed from time to time.

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

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 4-1 governs attendance.

Assignments:

Mon Jan 11  Changing family, changing family policy  Text 1-20, 30-36

*(I will lecture on Federal “non-involvement,” *Ankenbrandt* (Text 20-30); “Lecture” means you are not required to read the material, but may of course do so. You will be held responsible on the exam only for the material covered in the class presentation of lecture material.)*

Wed Jan 13  Privacy v. State Intervention  Text 43-60; 65-89

MON JANUARY 18  MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY,  NO CLASS
Wed Jan 20  Marriage Regulation                   Text 90-111
Mon Jan 25  Marriage, Substantive Regs., cont’d
            Obergefell Handout                      Text 126-138
Wed Jan 27  Marriage: Procedural Requirements
            Marriage: Rights/Obligations Assumed    Text 138-61
                                      Text 162-166; 169-74; 182
Mon Feb  1  Marriage:Ownership/Control of Property Text 183-203
            Marital Agreements                    Text 210-213
Wed Feb  3  Marital Agreements (cont’d)          Text 213-43; 245-46
Mon Feb  8  Cohabitation                         Text 264-304; 314-15
            (Some material may spill over until next class)
Wed Feb 10  Parenthood
            Contraception and Abortion             Text 316-41
Mon Feb 15  Parenthood: Paternity               Text 341-370
            (I will lecture on paternity disestablishment -Text 370-75)
Wed Feb 17  Adoption; The Unmarried Father       Text 376-408
            (Lecture: 408-25)
Mon Feb 22  Assisted Reproduction               Text 445-471
Wed Feb 24  Assisted Reproduction (cont’d)
            Child, Parent and State               Text 471-481
                                      Text 490-97; 505-17
Mon Feb 29  Child Abuse                          Text 552-69; 576-89
Wed March  2 Divorce                             Text 673-707
Spring Break March 7-13
Mon Mar 14  Divorce Alternatives
            Jurisdiction                           Text 708-19
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*Classes End April 21, 2016*