Conflict of Laws (3 credits)

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Required Text: Kay, Kramer & Roosevelt, Conflict of Laws (9th ed. 2013)

Schedule – Tuesday & Thursday, 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

Attendance – In accordance with GMUSL policy, you must attend 80% of classes.

Exam & Grading – The final examination will be multiple choice, closed-book. No materials may be brought in to the examination room. Grades will be based primarily on the final examination; however, we reserve the right to increase or decrease a grade by a half letter (+ or -) based upon class participation.

Syllabus – Assignments as follows. Additional outside readings may be added. The syllabus, which may be modified during the semester, will be updated electronically.

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