Initial Assignments

Course Materials and TWEN site. The required materials for this course are (1) the Waltz, Park, and Friedman casebook entitled Evidence (11th ed. 2009: Foundation Press) (cited below as “CB”); (2) a 2012 supplement to the Casebook, which is expected to be available by August 9, 2012; and (3) a softbound booklet entitled Federal Rules of Evidence 2012-2013 Edition (West Group) (prepared by Capra) (cited below as the “Rules Booklet”). 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 2-3:15 P.M. (day section, § 1) and 6:15-7:30 P.M. (evening section, §2), in one 75-minute session without a break. Both sections will meet in Room 332.

Initial Reading Assignments. Chapters 1-3 of the Casebook, together with selected supplementary materials, comprise approximately the first half of the course.

For August 16 and 21: Read Parker’s Introductory Lecture on Evidence, at the course TWEN site, and Casebook Chapter 1 (CB1-70), with particular attention to the materials on offering evidence at CB11-37 and on objections and proffers at CB37-59 and CB62-70, which will be discussed in class on August 21. Also for August 21, preview the Morgan excerpt at CB77-78. While reading that material, familiarize yourself with the contents of the Rules Booklet, with particular attention to the Federal Rules of Evidence. Note that the Federal Rules of Evidence underwent “restyling” last year, and side-by-side comparisons of both the old and “restyled” rules are given in the Rules Booklet.

For August 23: Read CB71-94, and develop your solutions to the hypotheticals at CB93-94. In lieu of the note on Sherrod at CB80, read the fuller version at the course TWEN site.

For August 28: We will temporarily bypass the remainder of Chapter 2, and proceed to Chapter 3. Read CB184-98, and develop your solutions to the hypotheticals at CB197-98.

For August 30: Read CB198-221, including your answers to the review questions at CB218-21.

From September 4 onward, we proceed through the remainder of Chapter 3 at the approximate rate of 20-25 pages per class, and then return to Chapter 2, Parts D-G.

A full syllabus for the entire semester will be posted at the course TWEN site no later than the second week of classes.