University of Baltimore School of Law
Fall 2011

Introduction to Lawyering Skills/Civil Procedure I
Law 612 – Section 359A
Law Center Room 212

Course Meeting Times:
Tuesdays - 1:30-4:15 p.m.
Thursdays, 10:30-11:45 a.m., 1:30-4:15 p.m.

READING ASSIGNMENTS FOR FIRST WEEK
OF ILS/CIVIL PROCEDURE I

Tuesday, August 23, 2011 –

1:30-2:45 p.m. (Prof. Bessler); 3:00-4:15 p.m. (TAs)

Topics: Introductions; course overview; structure of state and federal courts; how to read a case; defining “civil procedure”; the purpose and scope of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure; litigation and alternatives to it; legal research; introduction to legal citation


Civil Procedure Reading Assignment: Jack H. Friedenthal, Arthur R. Miller, John E. Sexton, and Helen Hershkoff, Civil Procedure: Cases and Materials (West, 10th ed.)
Assigned Case: Capron v. Van Noorden, 6 U.S. (2 Cranch) 126 (1804)

Thursday, August 25, 2011 –

10:30-11:45 a.m. (Prof. Bessler), 1:30-4:15 p.m. (Prof. Bessler)

Topics: Overview of civil litigation process; historical origins of Federal Rules of Civil Procedure; adversarial vs. inquisitorial systems; summons; remedies
