CRIMINAL LAW

Professor Byron L. Warnken

FIRST WEEK ASSIGNMENTS – SUMMER 2015

Warnken materials are found online in several locations. (1) All Warnken course materials are on TWEN. This course is all done on TWEN. Please sign on as soon as you read this document as all correspondence about postings and so forth are done through TWEN. You can also find some documents in my faculty profile page, titled (a) “About Professor Byron L. Warnken,” (b) Curriculum Vitae of Professor Byron L. Warnken, and (c) Writings of Professor Byron L. Warnken found by going to (i) UofB home page, (ii) Schools & Colleges, (iii) Law School, (iv) Faculty, and (v) Faculty Profiles. If you have any questions, please contact Shavaun O’Brien (room 1112; 410-837-4635; sobrien@ubalt.edu), my administrative assistant. She can help you to locate all the information you will need to be prepared for class.

There are 28 classes spread over 14 days in seven weeks. Each class (including the two classes on the first evening) starts with a seven-question, seven-minute, multiple-choice Daily Quiz. Thus, you must obtain and prepare the materials for the first class as soon as possible, because each student will take the first Daily Quiz, covering Class #1, on Tuesday, May 19, at 6:00 p.m., and the second Daily Quiz, covering Class #2, on Tuesday, May 19, at 7:45 p.m., both in room 402 of the Law Center. All students will take the Daily Quizzes, regardless of whether they have actually read this and have actually prepared the assignment.

Students take the seven-question, multiple-choice Daily Quiz on TWEN. Just prior to class, make sure that (1) your laptop is closed on your desk; (2) TWEN is easily accessible, i.e., there is an icon on the desktop of your laptop that will easily take you into TWEN; and (3) your laptop is plugged in or there is sufficient battery. The Daily Quiz is timed for seven minutes. The Problem for that class will be in the quiz for easy reference because Daily Quiz question #6 and Daily Quiz question #7 are taken from the Problem. IT IS AN HONOR CODE VIOLATION TO ACCESS ANY MATERIAL DURING THE DAILY QUIZ.

At 6:00 p.m., I will instruct you to open your laptop, sign onto TWEN, and find the Daily Quizzes. I will instruct you what the password is for that particular Daily Quiz on that particular day. Answer all seven Daily Quiz questions. At 6:07 p.m., I will say “Stop now please,” at which time you must hit “Complete quiz” on your computer. The quiz is set for 7 minutes and will time-out after you have been in for 7 minutes. IT IS AN HONOR CODE VIOLATION TO FAIL TO STOP WHEN INSTRUCTED. Your computer will inform you of your Daily Quiz score for that quiz. No other access to the quizzes will be available.

Please note that the first nine classes address general concepts. The material for these classes is longer and more difficult than the material for the last 19 classes, which address offenses and defenses. Please note that the longest and most difficult classes are Class 3 and Class #4, which are covered on the second evening of the semester, which is Thursday, May 21.
Date  Class  Topic
05/19  #1  Criminal Law Classification, Sources of Criminal Law, & Interpretation of Criminal Law (27 pages)

Prior to Class #1 assignment

Mandatory reading

Course Manual

Optional reading

First-Year Success: Winning the Battle in the Most Important Year (An Insider’s Guide to Law School)
Glossary of Criminal Law Terms & Abbreviations.
Steps in the Criminal Justice System
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Class #1 assignment

Criminal Classification, Sources of Criminal Law, & Criminal Law Interpretation ................. 1-1
State v. 149 Slot Machines, 310 Md. 356 (1987)........................................................................................................ 1-23
Class Preparation ........................................................................................................... 1-25

Class #2 assignment

05/19  #2  Criminal Jurisdiction (Subject Matter Jurisdiction, Juvenile Jurisdiction, & Personal Jurisdiction) & Venue (23 pages)

Criminal Jurisdiction, Juvenile Jurisdiction, & Venue......................................................... 2-1
Class Preparation ........................................................................................................... 2-22

Class #3 assignment
Date  Class  Topic
05/19  #1  Criminal Law Classification, Sources of Criminal Law, & Interpretation of
          Criminal Law (24 pages)

Prior to Class #1 assignment

Mandatory reading

Course Manual

Optional reading

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Class #1 assignment

Criminal Classification, Sources of Criminal Law, & Criminal Law Interpretation ............. 1-1
Rptr. 595 (1968) ................................................................. 1-18
State v. 149 Slot Machines, 310 Md. 356 (1987) ......................................................... 1-20

Class Preparation ................................................................. 1-23

Class #2 assignment

05/19  #2  Criminal Jurisdiction (Personal Jurisdiction, Subject Matter Jurisdiction
          (Criminal Courts & Juvenile Court), & Venue (17 pages)

Personal Jurisdiction, Subject Matter Jurisdiction (Criminal Courts & Juvenile Court), & Venue
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Class Preparation ......................................................................................... 2-16

Class #3 assignment

05/21  #3  Prosecution & Defense Burdens of Production, MJOA, & the Right to Jury
          Instructions (32 pages)

Prosecution & Defense Burdens of Production, MJOA, & the Right to Jury Instructions ....... 3-1
Herd v. State, 125 Md. App. 77 (1999) ............................................................................. 3-26
Class Preparation ......................................................................................... 3-31
Class #4 assignment

05/21  #4  Burden of Persuasion & Jury Instructions, Deliberations, & Verdicts (31 pages)

Burden of Persuasion & Jury Instructions, Deliberations, & Verdicts ........................................ 4-1
Evans v. State, 28 Md. App. 640 (1975), aff’d, 278 Md. 197 (1976) ............................................. 4-19
Class Preparation ......................................................................................................................... 4-30

05/23  Law Scholar Session (11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)