

CRIMINAL LAW/ INTRO TO LAWYERING SKILLS
PROFESSOR JAROS, LAW 614-339, FALL 2017

First Day Assignment¹ for Introduction to Lawyering Skills/Criminal Law

Breathe. See a movie. Relax.

Also, please read...

“How Not to Talk to Your Kids: The Inverse Power of Praise.” This (short) article can be found at: <http://nymag.com/news/features/27840/> or on TWEN.

Orin Kerr, *How to Read a Legal Opinion: A Guide for New Law Students*
(posted to TWEN)

Attached Introduction Exercise

Optional Reading:

Laurel Currie Oates, *Leveling the Playing Field: Helping Students Succeed by Helping Them Learn to Read like Expert Lawyers* (posted to TWEN)

Finally, we will do an introduction exercise on Tuesday. (Yes, this is like camp. Bear with me.) The instructions for the introduction exercise are on the following page. Unfortunately, the roster for our class is in a constant state of flux. Therefore I will post the introduction pairings on TWEN on Friday, August 18th. If you have trouble figuring out who your partner is email my assistant Laurie at lschnitzer@ubalt.edu.

Please don't forget to bring your personally meaningful and/or interesting object to class for the introduction exercise.

Our actual first class is on Tuesday, August 22nd. I'll be the one in front.

I look forward to meeting everyone.

- Dave

PS: If you do not go by the name listed on the class roster, please email me the name you'd like to be called immediately so I can practice mispronouncing it.

¹ This is actually the assignment for the first two classes. We will not be meeting on Monday, August 21st.

TO: FIRST YEAR ASSOCIATES, CRIMINAL LAW/ILS 614-339
FROM: PROFESSOR JAROS
SUBJECT: INTRODUCTION ASSIGNMENT
DATE: 8/1/2017

I would like everyone to participate in an introduction exercise. (I know, you thought you'd never have to do this sort of thing again. Sorry.) You should arrange to interview your assigned partner before our first class. The meeting must be face-to-face. Each person should bring a meaningful and/or interesting personal object to the meeting. You should conduct at least a ten minute interview of your partner. Find out what the object is (if it is not obvious), the significance of the object and what it says about your partner. Feel free to ask about any interesting jobs, skills, hobbies or life experiences of your partner.

You should bring your object to class on August 22nd and sit next to your partner. During class you will be asked to introduce your partner to the class based on your interview.

You can contact your partner to arrange your interview by emailing him or her at firstname.lastname@ubalt.edu. If this doesn't work for some reason, just email me (djaros@ubalt.edu) or my assistant Laurie Schnitzer (lschnitzer@ubalt.edu).

Because of time constraints you will only have 3-4 minutes for the introduction. Please let me know if you have questions.

The pairings for this assignment will be posted on TWEN on Friday, August 18th. Hopefully there will not be a last minute change to the roster... but I can't promise anything. If there is a change, I will make a last minute adjustment. (This is not uncommon.)