

First Day Assignment

Welcome to Introduction to Lawyering Skills (“ILS”)/Criminal Law (“Crim”)! This class will serve as your small section.

One of the great benefits of the ILS small sections is it helps build community. We spend a lot of time together and get to know each other well. Opportunities for individualized instruction and feedback. It’s a rich and rewarding learning environment.

On the other hand, ILS sections are also logistically complex learning environments. The course is really two separate courses with two separate sets of readings, assignments, grades, and student TAs/scholars. In the past, ILS students have sometimes struggled to keep track of everything and navigate the various online instruction platforms (i.e. TWEN, Core Grammar, the Dressler Online Casebook and so on). This logistical complexity has only intensified due to the 100% online nature of this semester.

Your first assignment will therefore introduce you to some of the complexity so that you can start learning some of the different moving parts of the course AND learn some basics about our legal system. With that in mind, please do the following:

- Read the course syllabus carefully. Note this syllabus will be updated. For now, only the first two weeks of readings and assignments are provided.
- Watch the [Class 01 introduction video on our Panopto page](#).
- Complete the “Pre-Research Group of Civics Activities” on the Library’s *ILS Research TWEN* page. This should take you about 70 minutes.
 - Once you have registered for TWEN (you will receive instructions on how from the library), the link to the ILS Research page is here:
<https://tinyurl.com/yyc96mka>
 - To find the Civics Activities, follow the “Course Materials” link on the left, then click the top folder (“A Pre-Research Group of Civics Activities”).
 - I actually suggest you complete the items in this order: B, C, D, A.
 - Note that item B simply requires you to read Chapter 2 of Sloan, Researching the Law.
 - For links C and D, you will need to have registered for CALI. Once again, the library should have provided this material to you.

- Register for Core Grammar for Lawyers (“CGL”) and complete the Pretest. Make sure to set aside about 90 minutes to do this. You will not be graded on this Pretest. The Pretest gives you the chance to test out of some parts of CGL; it tailors the software to each of your skill levels. I do not expect you to do well on this Pretest, as it includes material you may not have learned. **If you rush through the pretest you will have more work to do, so take your time.**
 - You can find CGL at the following URL:
<https://www.coregrammarforlawyers.com/>
 - As with TWEN and CALI, the library will have provided the information about registering for CGL.