



FLORIDA A & M UNIVERSITY

Florida Practice

Course 6303, Class 3585, Section 301

TH 6:00 – 7:40 p.m.

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- Texts Florida Civil Practice Before Trial, LexisNexis Publishing (Chapters referred to as “CIV.”)
- Florida Criminal Practice and Procedure, LexisNexis Publishing (Chapters referred to as “CRIM.”)
- Florida Rules of Civil & Criminal Procedure: www.flabar.org, “Professional Practice” link, then “Rules of Court Procedure” link.
- Objective This course will examine basic Florida civil and criminal practice, with an emphasis on pretrial rules and procedure.
- Attendance Class attendance is mandatory. You are allowed the maximum number of administrative absences according to the most current student handbook as of the start of class in order to qualify for a final grade. *The right is reserved that leaving class while it is in session may be considered and designated as an absence.* You are solely responsible for ensuring that you have received credit for your attendance by signing the roll during class. Pay attention to signing the roll, as it is presumed you were absent if you fail to sign the roll. Any issue with regard to a failure to sign the roll or an unsigned roll may result in an automatic ten (10) point deduction from your final grade.
- Grading: The course will be graded according to your performance on the final and the College of Law’s requirements. For the final, you are responsible for all the material in the books according to the schedule below, the Florida Rules of Criminal and Civil Procedure and Florida Rules of Court, whether or not discussed during class.
- Devices: Taping of the class is not permitted, including audio, digital, or other means. Use of the Internet or a cell phone is not permitted during class through any means for any reason. *Such a practice is considered and designated as an absence.*
- Participation There is no talking during class unless recognized. Preparation and Participation is a mandatory requirement of this course. You are responsible

for reading and critically evaluating the material, consulting with other sources if necessary for such understanding. There is no direct allocation of participation points toward your final grade. However, five (5) points per instance may be deducted from your final grade for being unprepared or failure to satisfactorily participate in class exercises.

Policy Statement on Non-Discrimination: It is the policy of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University to assure that each member of the University community be permitted to work or attend classes in an environment free from any form of discrimination including race, religion, color, age, disability, sex, marital status, national origin, veteran status and sexual harassment as prohibited by state and federal statutes. This shall include applicants for admission to the University and employment.

Academic Honor Policy: The University's Academic Honor Policy is located in the FANG Student Handbook, under the Student Code of Conduct- Regulation 2.012 section, beginning on page 55-56.

ADA Compliance: To comply with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), please advise the instructor of any accommodations required to insure participation in this course. Documentation of disability is required and should be submitted to the Learning Development and Evaluation Center (LDEC). For additional information please contact the LDEC at (850) 599-3180.

Schedule You are responsible for being prepared for each week's reading. This is an outline, which may be revised as the course progresses, so it is your responsibility to stay ahead of the material covered in the prior class lecture:

1 ST - 2 ND WEEK	(CIV. 12) PLEADINGS
3 RD WEEK	(CIV. 6) JURISDICTION; (Skim CIV. 25) EXTRAORDINARY WRITS & REMEDIES; (CRIM. 1, PART I) JURISDICTION; (CIV. 7) VENUE; (CRIM. 1, PART II) VENUE
4 TH WEEK	(CIV. 14) PROCESS & APPEARANCE; (CIV. 11) JOINDER
5 TH WEEK	(CIV. 18) DEFAULT & RELIEF; (CIV. 22) DECLARATORY RELIEF; (CIV. 23) INTERPLEADER
6 TH WEEK	(CIV. 19) SUMMARY JUDG.; (CIV. 20) DISMISSALS; (CIV. 21) INJUNCTIONS
7 TH WEEK	(CIV. 4) SETTLEMENT (CIV. 1) ATTORNEY-CLIENT RELATIONSHIP
8 TH WEEK	(CIV. 13) MOTIONS & ORDERS; (CIV. 16) DISCOVERY (exclude Depositions); (CRIM. 5, PART VII & XIII) DISCOVERY
9 TH - 10 TH WEEK	(CRIM. 2) ARREST & DETENTION
11 TH - 12 TH WEEK	(CRIM. 3 PART III - V) RELEASE
12 TH - 14 TH WEEK	(CRIM. 13) VOIR DIRE (CRIM. 16, PART II - IV) JURY INSTRUCTIONS