

Torts I

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Welcome to Torts !!

COURSE MATERIALS AND ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASSES

Required text: **Dobbs, Hayden & Bublick, TORTS AND COMPENSATION: PERSONAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR INJURY, Concise Edition** (7th ed. 2013). ***Be sure you have the concise edition. (Previous classes used the standard edition, which has substantially different content.)***

Additional material will be assigned from time to time, including reading required for the first day of class. Download the first day's supplemental reading, *An Introductory Addendum, Food for Thought and an Assignment*, from the class TWEN site.

Assignments for the First Week of Class

Unless otherwise indicated, page numbers refer to the casebook.

Tuesday, August 9

PREFACE TO THE CONCISE SEVENTH EDITION

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The preface introduces the authors' objectives in selecting the cases and materials presented in the book and explains how the cases have been edited. The preface also highlights the treatises and Restatements of Law most frequently cited in the book and includes a brief explanation of how the Restatements influence the development of law.

PART 1 – A FIRST LOOK AT TORTS

CHAPTER 1 TORT LAW: AIMS, APPROACHES, AND PROCESSES

WHAT IS TORT LAW?; THE GOALS OF TORT LAW

➤ 3-8

➤ *An Introductory Addendum, Food for Thought, and an Assignment* (download from TWEN)

THEORY IN APPLICATION: THE ROLE OF FAULT

➤ 8-11

Thursday, August 11

IMPLEMENTING TORT LAW PURPOSES WITH DAMAGE AWARDS

➤ 11-17

CHAPTER 2 READING TORTS CASES: TRIAL PROCEDURES

➤ 19-26

PART 2 – INTENTIONAL TORTS

CHAPTER 3 ESTABLISHING A CLAIM FOR INTENTIONAL TORT TO PERSON OR PROPERTY

Battery

➤ 29-33