

FLORIDA A & M UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW
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Assigned Reading for First Week of Class

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Week 1 8/14 – 8/18	Assigned Reading and Exercises/Quizzes to be Completed Before Class
Class 1 Mon. or Tues.	<p>MAKING THE TRANSITION TO LEGAL WRITING, THE U.S. LEGAL SYSTEM, AND INFORMATION ABOUT THIS COURSE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read <i>The Legal Writing Handbook: Analysis, Research, and Writing</i> (“<i>Handbook</i>”), Chapters 1 and 2. 2. Complete <i>Handbook Exercise 2A: Mandatory and Persuasive Authority</i> for review in class and the <i>Chapter 2 Quiz</i> to turn in to your professor in class.
Class 2 Wed. or Thurs.	<p>READING AND ANALYZING STATUTES AND CASES, HOW TO READ A JUDICIAL OPINION</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read <i>Handbook</i>, Chapter 3. 2. Read Orin Kerr, <i>How to Read a Judicial Opinion: A Guide for New Law Students</i>, 11 <i>Greenbag</i> 51 (2007). It can be found at: http://hssph.net/legalrm/howtoreadv2.pdf.

NOTE: The Fall 2017 Syllabus for Legal Research and Writing I will be made available to students on the first day of class.