

Torts I

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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 (8th ed. 2017), CasebookPlus. ***Be sure you have purchased the standard edition with access to CasebookPlus. CasebookPlus access instructions are posted on the class TWEN page.***

In addition to assignments from the casebook, other materials will be assigned from time to time. Additional materials may be distributed via the class TWEN page or distributed in hard copy format during class.

Assignments for the First Week of Class

Part 1: A First Look at Torts

August 15

- **Preface to the Eighth Edition**

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.

- **Chapter 1: Tort Law Aims, Approaches, and Processes**

- **Chapter 2: Reading Tort Cases and Understanding Trial Procedures**

Section 1 of this chapter reminds us of the skills needed to effectively read and analyze case law and the importance of those skills in the analysis of tort law. Section 2 provides a basic overview of the trial procedures that will provide the context for the legal issues raised in the cases. The procedural context determines whether cases are resolved by judges or juries. You are encouraged to look back to this chapter during the semester to check the significance of the procedures in the cases.

pp. v-vi; 3-31

August 17

Part 2: Intentional Torts

Chapter 3: Intentional Torts to Person or Property

- **Battery; A Closer Look at Intent**

pp. 35-47; *Sports Torts From the Archives* (handout -- available on course TWEN page)

Welcome to Torts I §304!