

LEGAL RESEARCH, ANALYSIS & WRITING

SECTIONS 9 &10

Professors J. Baker and R. Plevel

Texts

Print textbooks required for **both** Fall and Spring semesters:

1. Christine Coughlin, Joan Malmud Rocklin & Sandy Patrick, *A Lawyer Writes: A Practical Guide to Legal Analysis* (4th ed. 2024).
2. *The Bluebook* (21st ed. 2020).

Online texts required for **both** Fall and Spring semesters:

1. *Core Grammar for Lawyers*. Visit [Core Grammar's website](#) to purchase your subscription. Use the instructions you received prior to orientation to complete your subscription. If you have difficulty accessing Core Grammar, email Professor Baker at bakerjm3@law.sc.edu.
2. *LRAW Research Fall 2022 ("LRAW Research")* at <http://guides.law.sc.edu/LRAWFall>. You may always consult *LRAW Research* for help completing any quiz, and it will remain accessible to you after this course ends.

Assignments for First day of class: Wednesday, August 21 (Tuesday classes meet)

- Access the Blackboard page for this class (LRAW Professors Baker & Plevel) and familiarize yourself with its layout and content. You can find Blackboard support here: <https://blackboard.sc.edu/webapps/login/>
- View our "Welcome to LRAW" video posted in the **First Day Assignment** folder on Blackboard (enjoy!).
- In the **First Day Assignment Folder**, find and complete the Student Information Questionnaire before 5pm on August 20.
- Complete the Core Grammar Pre-Test if you have not already done so (following instructions you received prior to orientation).
- The Syllabus will be available in the **Syllabus and Course Policies folder** on Blackboard by 5pm on Friday, August 16. Read the first several pages of the Syllabus (up to the Class Schedule section) and all the Course Policies at the end of the Syllabus.

- In *LRAW Research*, read the units titled *Getting Started*, *Course Objectives*, and *U.S. Legal System: Sources of Law and Weight of Authority*.
- In the **First Day Assignment Folder**, find and read *Campbell v. Robinson*.
- In the **First Day Assignment Folder**, find and watch the US Legal System recorded PowerPoint lecture. It is also posted in the Legal Research Materials section, in the US Legal System folder.
- In the **First Day Assignment Folder**, find and review the Evaluating Authorities Assignment document (also provided during orientation).
- Bring the **completed** *Evaluating Authorities Assignment* project to class on Wednesday August 21. No need to upload to Blackboard
- In the **First Day Assignment folder**, there is also an LRAW Practice Quiz. It is not graded, so it is discretionary to complete. It is intended to familiarize you with the Blackboard quizzing software we are using for class. If you have any questions or problems, please contact [Professor Plevel](#). The quiz is open and does not have a due date, unlike the regular quizzes you will be taking for class.
- Your **Legal System Quiz** becomes available Aug. 21, 2024, at 5 pm and is **due Aug. 22, 2024, at 11:55 pm**. We will discuss the quiz in our first class on August 21. It is hosted on Blackboard and is in the Legal Research Materials section, in the US Legal System folder.