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**Legal Research, Analysis, and Writing I**  
**Fall 2024 Syllabus**  
**Sections 13 & 14**  
**Professors Virzi / Maxwell / Glenn**

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**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 2024).
2. *The Bluebook* (21st ed. 2020).
3. Recommended, but not required: Anne Enquist & Laurel Currie Oates, *Just Writing: Grammar, Punctuation, and Style for the Legal Writer* (6<sup>th</sup> Edition 2022).

**\* You may not use earlier editions of any of these texts. Their content and organization have changed significantly.**

*Online Texts:*

1. *Core Grammar for Lawyers*, <https://coregrammarforlawyers.com/>. Registration information was provided by Professor Milligan during orientation. Contact Professor Virzi if you have misplaced it or did not receive it.
2. *LRAW Research Fall 2024 ("LRAW Research")* at <http://guides.law.sc.edu/LRAWFall>.

Course Management System:

**TWEN** → Manage Courses → Add Course → LRAW Sections 13 & 14 → +Add.

You will need your Westlaw OnePass credentials to log in (which you will receive during Orientation). Please email Professor Maxwell or Glenn if you need assistance with Westlaw or TWEN.

## **Assignments for the first day of class Wednesday, August 21 (Tuesday classes meet)**

### Course Preparation:

- Access the [TWEN page for this course](#) and familiarize yourself with its layout and content.
- Download the Microsoft Teams desktop app at portal.office.com.
  - You can find an instructional video on how to use Teams [here](#).
- Complete the Core Grammar for Lawyers Pre-Test if you have not already done so. Contact Prof. Virzi if you need our class code.

### Reading Assignments:

- On TWEN, in Course Materials, locate and download the Information Sheet and complete it as a Word document. Then submit the completed Information Sheet as a Word document on TWEN using the Assignment Drop Box.
- On TWEN, download the Syllabus and read the first five pages and all the Course Policies at the end.
- In LRAW Research, read the U.S. Legal System unit: Sources of Law and Weight of Authority.
  - Your Legal System Quiz becomes available on TWEN on Wednesday, Aug. 21, at 2:40 p.m. and is due Friday, Aug. 23, at 2:40 p.m.
- In A Lawyer Writes, read the following:
  - Introduction (pp. xxi-xxii);
  - Intro to Chapter 3, Reading for Comprehension (pp. 33-34);
  - Chapter 3.2 Part I (pp. 45-48), Subparts B & C (pp. 52-54), and Table 3.2-H on p. 56.
- On TWEN, under Course Materials, locate Caroline Jones's client file and read its contents. You will find it useful to your careful reading process to print these out.
  - When you are reading Campbell v. Robinson, if you encounter a word you are unfamiliar with or may not know the meaning of in the context of the case, you should look for its definition. You can access Black's Law Dictionary at [lawschool.westlaw.com](https://lawschool.westlaw.com): login with your Westlaw OnePass credentials and use the search box just below the banner.
  - After you have read Campbell at least once, locate the Reading Guide for Campbell. Download and complete that document as best you can. Please have access to your responses in class throughout the week.
- Core Grammar: Complete Lessons A.1 & A.2. by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, August 25.