
LEGAL RESEARCH, ANALYSIS, AND WRITING I
SECTIONS 11 & 12
FALL 2024
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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). Renting this book for two semesters is uneconomical.
2. *The Bluebook* (21st ed. 2020). Purchase the hard copy rather than the digital subscription. You will use this book all three years of law school and in practice.
3. Recommended, but not required: Anne Enquist & Laurel Currie Oates, *Just Writing: Grammar, Punctuation, and Style for the Legal Writer*, any edition. Amazon is currently listing older editions for under \$20.

Online Texts:

1. *Core Grammar for Lawyers*, online subscription available at <https://coregrammarforlawyers.com/>. Please email Professor Jordan for subscription instructions if you have misplaced or did not receive this information in the Law School's Sidebar.
2. *LRAW Research Fall 2024 ("LRAW Research")* at <https://guides.law.sc.edu/LRAWFall>.

Assignment for Wednesday, August 21 (you will follow your Tuesday schedule)

- **Technological Setup:**
 - Access the Blackboard page for this class and familiarize yourself with its layout and content. Generally, you will access Blackboard through <https://blackboard.sc.edu/>. [The Law School's Academic Technology page](#) includes a short video that will walk you through how to log in, access a course including course materials, and attend class remotely if we instruct you to do so. You may also find help at [Blackboard's site](#). If you have trouble navigating Blackboard, or you are unable to locate course material that you think should be posted in our Blackboard course, please let one of us know.

- Download the Microsoft Teams **desktop app** at portal.office.com. You can find a video on how use Teams [here](#).
- **Read:**
 - Blackboard: Carefully read Syllabus, pp. 1-6 and all Course Policies at the end (under the “Syllabus & General Course Materials” folder).
 - *LRAW Research*, U.S. Legal System unit: Sources of Law and Weight of Authority.
 - *A Lawyer Writes*: Introduction, pp. xxi-xxii; Intro to Ch. 3 (Reading for Comprehension), pp. 33-34; Ch. 3.2 (Reading Judicial Opinions), pp. 45-64.
 - Blackboard: The Caroline Jones file, which includes a memo and the *Campbell v. Robinson* opinion (under “Caroline Jones” in the “Writing Materials” folder). You will find it useful to your careful reading process to print out these materials. As you read *Campbell*, apply the concepts you learned in Ch. 3.2.
- **Complete:**
 - Blackboard: Locate (under the “Syllabus & General Course Materials” folder), complete, and submit (using the applicable “Assignment” prompt under the “Syllabus & General Course Materials” folder) the **Student Information Sheet** by **Tuesday, Aug. 20 at 11:59 p.m.** Submit your Student Information Sheet as a Word document on Blackboard.
 - Blackboard: After you have read *Campbell* at least once, locate the Reading Guide for *Campbell v. Robinson* (under “Caroline Jones” in the “Writing Materials” folder). Download and complete that document. Have access to your responses in class.
 - *Core Grammar*: Complete the Pre-Test if you have not already done so.
- **Note on Your Calendar:**
 - Your **Legal System Quiz** becomes available Wednesday Aug. 21 at 3:40 p.m. and is **due Thursday, Aug. 22 by 11:55 p.m.**
 - *Core Grammar*: Lessons A.1 & A.2 are **due Sunday, Aug. 25 by 11:59 p.m.**