

Contracts
Prof. Evans – Evening Section (101-201)
Fall 2007

**ASSIGNMENT FOR FIRST CLASS:
THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 2007**

The assignment for the first class session is Unit 1 and Unit 3 on the Syllabus.

Prior to class, please make sure you obtain a copy of the Barnett casebook and a copy of the Course Supplement Part 1. The Barnett casebook is available for purchase at the bookstore. The Course Supplement will be available in a box outside room 800A across from Nicole Pinkey, 8th Floor Faculty Clerk. If you are unable to locate the supplement, please see Ms. Pinkey. The Course Supplement will be available beginning August 20. If you are having any trouble obtaining a copy of the Barnett casebook or the Course Supplement, please email me at mevans15@depaul.edu and let me know how I can help.

At the beginning of the first class session, I will say a few words of introduction and I will go over the course Syllabus. Please review the Syllabus before class and use the first class to raise any questions you may have about it.

Next, I plan to focus on the materials in Unit 1. The purpose of this Unit is to provide some instruction on the skill of case briefing. I know that you may receive case briefing instruction as part of your orientation. Unit 1, therefore, should serve as a review. In addition, Unit 1 will provide you with guidance on how I would like to see case briefing done for my course in particular. To prepare for Unit 1, please do the assigned reading for Unit 1 as indicated on the Syllabus. This includes pages 6-7 of the Barnett casebook and pages 3-5 and 13-16 of the Course Supplement. In addition, please prepare a “case brief” of the *Shelby Aviation* case found on pages 13-16 of the Course Supplement. Please bring a copy of your case brief to class; I will be collecting them. Please don’t worry about the quality of this first case brief. Your first case brief is not expected to be perfect; it is supposed to be a learning experience.

I also hope to reach the materials for Unit 3 during our first class session. Please read the materials assigned for Unit 3 in the Syllabus by reviewing the Study Questions and doing the assigned reading in the Course Supplement and Barnett casebook. Different contract disputes are governed by different sets of rules. Some of these disputes are governed by the set of contract rules known as the common law. Other disputes are governed by a set of contract rules written into a statutory code known as the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC). In Unit 3, our task will be to understand when a contract dispute is to be governed by the common law’s set of rules and when it is to be governed by the UCC’s rules.

Note that we will not be going over Unit 2 in class. Unit 2 consists of some basic background information that I hope you will find helpful in acclimating to contract law and law school. Please read this material on your own at some point during the first two weeks of class.

I look forward to seeing you all soon!