

First Assignment

ASSIGNMENT: [Background Reading]

1. Giannelli: Understanding Evidence
_Chapter 1 - Overview of Evidence Law, pages 1-17
Chapter 2 – Roles of Judge and Jury, pages 17- 22

NOTE: Read the KEY POINTS after this and all subsequent chapters.

[Class Discussion Readings]: LOGICAL RELEVANCY

Discussion Topics:

- Establishing a Foundation
- Probative Value
- Conditional Relevancy
 - Multiple Admissibility
 - Admissibility Versus Weight
- Exclusion of Relevant Evidence
 - Similar Occurrences

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1. Giannelli: Understanding Evidence:

_Chapter 9, Relevancy and Its Counterparts: FRE 401-403, pages 107-128
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REQUIRED TEXTS:

- Giannelli: Understanding Evidence (LexisNexis 2003 - 2d ed.)
- The BLACKBOARD EVIDENCE PAGE for this course contains additional case and statutory materials that will be assigned reading throughout the semester.

RECOMMENDED STUDY AIDS:

1. 1. Lilly: Principles of Evidence 4th ed. (Thompson/West)
2. 2. Cleary and Giannelli: Handbook on the Law of Evidence
3. 3. McCormick: Handbook on Evidence
4. 4. Wigmore: Wigmore on Evidence

EVALUATION:

The grade in this course will be determined by the student's performance on a single three hour examination at the completion of the semester. Exceptional class participation may result in a higher grade than that reflected on the final examination.