

CIVIL PROCEDURE
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This course presents an introduction to selected topics in federal civil procedure, including pleading, discovery, summary judgment, control of juries, personal jurisdiction, subject matter jurisdiction, and choice of law.

The required casebook is Stephen Yeazell, *Civil Procedure* (7th ed. 2008) (“CB”). You are also required to purchase the supplement: Stephen Yeazell, *Federal Rules of Civil Procedure: With Selected Statutes and Other Materials* (2008) (“Supp.”). In addition, I will also occasionally distribute supplemental materials via Blackboard (these reading assignments are denoted “BB” in the syllabus).

You are expected to come to class prepared to discuss each week’s subject. Reading assignments, which may be substantial, are to be completed before the class for which they are assigned. Be sure to read any relevant Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or statutes referenced in your assigned casebook reading. All Rules and statutes referenced in the book may be found in your *Federal Rules* supplement.

On-time attendance is mandatory, and participation in class discussions is encouraged and expected. Unexplained absences, lack of preparation, or failure to participate meaningfully will adversely affect your final grade.

I will administer an open-book, in-class examination at the conclusion of the course.

Office hours will be announced the first day of class. I am, however, freely available outside of office hours by appointment.

The schedule of classes for the first five weeks of class is attached. Assignments may be modified as the course progresses. Subsequent installments of the syllabus will be distributed by email.

<u>Class (Date)</u>	<u>Topics</u>	<u>Reading Assignment</u>
1 (January 12)	Introduction Themes Overview <i>Pennoyer v. Neff</i>	*CB 1-48 (covered in lecture portion of the class; skim for background) CB 55-71 (classroom discussion will focus on <i>Pennoyer</i>)
2 (January 14)	<i>Pennoyer v. Neff</i> cont.	CB 55-71
3 (January 15)	The <i>International Shoe</i> Revolution	CB 74-82
4 (January 19)	No class due to Martin Luther King Day Observance Program (Make-up class: Monday, April 27)	
5 (January 21)	<i>McGee v. International Life Ins. Co.</i> <i>Hanson v. Denckla</i> <i>Shaffer v. Heitner</i>	CB 82-96
5 (January 22)	Specific Jurisdiction: <i>World Wide Volkswagen v. Woodson</i> <i>Asahi Metal Industry Co. v. Superior Court</i>	CB 96-111
6 (January 26)	Specific Jurisdiction cont.: <i>Burger King v. Rudzewicz</i> <i>Pavlovich v. Superior Court</i>	CB 111-22
7 (January 28)	General Jurisdiction Tag Jurisdiction Consent	CB 122-39
8 (January 29)	Due Process and Constitutionally Adequate Notice	CB 140-54
9 (February 2)	Long-arm Statutes Venue	CB 154-64
10 (February 4)	Federal Question Jurisdiction	CB 175-86

11 (February 5)	Diversity Jurisdiction	BB: <i>Mas v. Perry</i> CB: 193 n.5-97, 201-04
12 (February 9)	Supplemental Jurisdiction	CB: 204-13
13 (February 11)	Removal	CB: 213-20
14 (February 12)	<i>Erie Railroad v. Tompkins</i>	CB: 221-33
15 (February 16)	<i>Guaranty Trust v. York</i> <i>Byrd v. Blue Ridge Elec. Coop.</i> <i>Hanna v. Plumer</i>	CB: 233-46