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1. WWW.PROFMLEVY.COM
2. LAWSCHOOL.WESTLAW.COM, click on THE WEST EDUCATION NETWORK (TWEN) and select this offering.

COURSE BOOKS & MATERIAL

MATERIALS:

Text: Currie, *Federal Courts*, 4th. Ed., West.

Current Supp. to the same. (If available)

Recommended: Wright, *Federal Courts*, West. (Treatise)

Handouts by instructor.

COURSE DESCRIPTION, LEARNING OBJECTIVES & STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

A study of the procedure practice and procedure under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. This course focuses on: 1) the relationship between the federal judiciary and executive and legislative branches of the federal government; and 2) the relationship between the federal courts and the states. The topics covered include Congressional power to control federal court jurisdiction, constitutional and statutory limitations on subject-matter jurisdiction, sovereign and official immunity, abstention, equitable restraint, and other limitations, on the exercise of federal court jurisdiction, the Erie Doctrine, and federal common law. This course may be taken in the second or third year.

GRADING

There will be a comprehensive final examination. The instructor reserves the right to have a "mid-term" examination, with its relative weight to be announced at that time. Please note that the Instructor reserves the right to hold additional examinations as may be deemed necessary. Students will be notified of the value of these exams at said time.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Accommodation will be provided and administered as dictated by the Dean's office. If you require accommodation please provide approval and guidelines from the Dean's office.

PARTICIPATION, ATTENDANCE & PROFESSIONALISM

Because verbal articulation of ones' ideas is an essential commodity in the practice of law, class participation is encouraged. With such in mind both the quality and quantity of class participation will be evaluated and applied as an *added* value of up to **two (2)** points in determination of your final grade. Further to such, the Instructor may assign specific class sessions for students participation, which may be applied as up to 10% of the "Professor's" final grade.

ATTENDANCE: Will be applied as required for a 3 hour class via a sign-in roll sheet disseminated at the commencement of class.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

All policies and procedures relative to this course are articulated in the Law School Student Rules. All such rules will be complied with by both students and the Instructor.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2015 – 2016

FALL SEMESTER 2015 (SEVENTY DAYS OF CLASSES)

Orientation Monday-Friday August 10-14, 2015

First Day of Class Monday August 17, 2015

Last Day to ADD/DROP Wednesday August 19, 2015

Labor Day (NO CLASSES) Monday September 7, 2015

Purge of all unpaid course selections Thursday September 17, 2015

Mid Term Examinations Mon – Fri October 12-16, 2015

VETERANS DAY (NO CLASSES) Wednesday NOVEMBER 11, 2015

Last Day of Classes Tuesday November 24, 2015

Last Day to Drop a Class Tuesday November 24, 2015

First Year Professors' Grades due Tuesday November 24, 2015

Reading Period (NO CLASS) Wednesday November 25, 2015

Thanksgiving Holiday Thurs – Fri November 26-27, 2015

Reading Period Sat-Sun November 28-29, 2015

Final Examinations Mon –Fri November 30-Dec. 11, 2015

Commencement Saturday December 12, 2015

SPRING SEMESTER 2016 (SEVENTY DAYS OF CLASSES)

School Opens Monday January 4, 2016

First Day of Class Monday January 11, 2016

Last Day to ADD/DROP Wednesday January 13, 2016

M L K Holiday (No Classes) Monday January 18, 2016

Purge of all unpaid course selections Wednesday February 10, 2016

President's Day Holiday (No Classes) Monday February 15, 2016

Mid Term Examinations Mon – Fri March 7– 11, 2016

Spring Break Mon – Fri March 14 – 18, 2016

Good Friday (No Classes) Friday March 25, 2016

Last Day of Classes Wednesday April 27, 2016

Last Day to Drop a Class Wednesday April 27, 2016

First Year Professors' Grades due Wednesday April 27, 2016

Reading Period (**No Classes**) Thur. – Sun April 28 - May 1, 2016

Final Examinations Mon- Fri May 2 – May 13, 2016

Hooping Ceremony Friday May 13, 2016

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IMPORTANT NOTE: This Case Book is updated by citation to more recent decisions. It is **most important** that the student coordinate these materials into the text as detailed above.