

ADVANCED LEGAL RESEARCH – LAW A549a

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Syllabus – Revised 3/6/09

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Texts: [1] Berring & Edinger, *Finding the Law*, 12th Ed (Thomson-West, 2005)
(Berring)

[2] Hazelton, et. al, *Washington Legal Researcher's Deskbook 3d* (2002)
(Deskbook)

(can be purchased for \$49.01 (including tax) - payable to UW Invoice
Receivables - at Circulation Desk, Library L1)

[3] *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation*, 18th ed. (Columbia Law
Review Association, 2005) (Bluebook)

Assignments:

Reading assignments from the texts will be given for each class. See below.

There is no final exam. Legal research is a skill. You need to practice it to improve. This course is designed to review and build on solid research skills. You will get prompt feedback on your work throughout the quarter. You may work together, but you must turn in your own work unless you have been assigned to work in teams by Professor Hazelton.

For each day in class you will find: the topic for the class, the assignments that are due that day, any reading you should have completed for the day, and new assignments.

Day	Date	Description
Tues	1/6/09	TOPIC: Overview; The Legal System and Legal Materials READING FOR TODAY: Berring: pp. 1-16 (Ch. 1) ASSIGNED TODAY: Handout Exercise #1 - Due 1/13
Thurs	1/8/09	TOPIC: No regular class; Library Tours - Required [See Schedule for assigned tour time] Meet at Gallagher Law Library Circulation Desk, floor L1 at your scheduled time for a 30 minute tour: 10:30am 11:00am 11:30am 12 noon

Tues	1/13/09	<p><u>TOPIC:</u> Secondary Sources</p> <p><u>DUE TODAY:</u> Exercise #1</p> <p><u>READING FOR TODAY:</u> Berring: pp. 111-114 (Ch. 4); pp. 307-326 (Ch. 10)</p> <p><u>ASSIGNED TODAY:</u> Analysis of Secondary Sources (to be done in class only) – Due 1/15</p> <p>CALI lesson: Introduction to State & Federal Statutes - Due 1/15</p>
Thurs	1/15/09	<p><u>TOPIC:</u> Secondary Sources (cont.); Statutes - Federal and State</p> <p><u>DUE TODAY:</u> Analysis of Secondary Sources</p> <p>CALI - Introduction to State and Federal Statutes</p> <p><u>READING FOR TODAY:</u> Berring: pp. 118-164 (Ch. 5)</p> <p><u>ASSIGNED TODAY:</u> Handout Exercise #2 - Due 1/20</p>
Tues	1/20/09	<p><u>TOPIC:</u> Case Finding in Print; Case Verification Tools</p> <p><u>DUE TODAY:</u> Exercise #2</p> <p><u>READING FOR TODAY:</u> Berring: pp. 17-117 (Ch. 2,3,4)</p> <p><u>ASSIGNED TODAY:</u> CALI Lesson: How to Find Case Law Using the Digests - Due 1/22</p> <p>Handout Exercise #3 - Due 1/27</p>
Thurs	1/22/09	<p><u>TOPIC:</u> Research Process</p> <p><u>DUE TODAY:</u> CALI - How to Find Case Law Using the Digests</p> <p><u>READING FOR TODAY:</u> Deskbook: pp. 23-45; skim Ch. 4, pp. 93-133</p> <p><u>ASSIGNED TODAY:</u> Handout Research Problem #1 - Due 1/29</p>

Tues	1/27/09	<p>TOPIC: Bluebooking: Or How to Make Friends with the Bluebook</p> <p><u>DUE TODAY:</u> Exercise #3</p> <p><u>READING FOR TODAY:</u> Bluebook: Review Table of Contents. Read completely pp. 1-23 (The Bluepages)</p> <p><i>Bring Bluebook to class</i></p>
Thurs	1/29/09	<p>TOPIC: Washington Practice Materials</p> <p><u>DUE TODAY:</u> Research Problem #1</p> <p><u>READING FOR TODAY:</u> Deskbook: pp. 23-45; skim Ch. 4, pp. 93-133</p> <p><u>ASSIGNED TODAY:</u> Handout Exercise #4 - Due 2/12</p>
Tues	2/3/09	<p>TOPIC: Discuss Research Problem #1</p> <p><u>ASSIGNED TODAY:</u> Handout Research Problem #2 - Due 2/10</p>
Thurs	2/05/09	<p>TOPIC: Advanced Westlaw Training (117)</p> <p><i>Bring Laptop to Class</i></p>
Thurs	2/10/09	<p>TOPIC: Query Formulation and other Electronic Search Tips</p> <p><u>DUE TODAY:</u> Research Problem #2</p>
Thurs	2/12/09	<p>TOPIC: Free and Low-Cost Internet Sources for Legal Research</p> <p><u>DUE TODAY:</u> Exercise #4</p> <p><u>READING FOR TODAY:</u> Internet Legal Resources, (updated 12/17/08), available at http://lib.law.washington.edu/research/research.html</p> <p><i>Bring Laptop to Class</i></p>

Tues	2/17/09	<p><u>TOPIC:</u> Discuss Research Problem #2</p> <p><u>ASSIGNED TODAY:</u> CALI Lesson: Researching Federal Legislative History - Due 2/19</p> <p>Handout Research Problem #3 - Due 2/24</p>
Thurs	2/19/09	<p><u>TOPIC:</u> Legislative History - Federal and State</p> <p><u>DUE TODAY:</u> CALI - Researching Federal Legislative History</p> <p><u>READING FOR TODAY:</u> Berring: pp. 165-200 (Ch. 6)</p> <p>Deskbook: pp. 155-165 Legislative History and Bill Tracking (Ch. 6)</p> <p><u>ASSIGNED TODAY:</u> Handout Exercise #5 - Due 2/26</p>
Tues	2/24/09	<p><u>TOPIC:</u> Legislative History (cont.); Court Rules</p> <p><u>DUE TODAY:</u> Research Problem #3</p> <p><u>READING FOR TODAY:</u> Berring: pp. 277-306 (Ch. 9)</p> <p>Deskbook: pp. 62-64 (Ch. 3)</p>
Thurs	2/26/09	<p><u>TOPIC:</u> Discuss Research Problem #3</p> <p><u>DUE TODAY:</u> Exercise #5</p> <p><u>ASSIGNED TODAY:</u> Handout Research Problem #4 - Due 3/5</p>
Tues	3/3/09	CLASS CANCELLED TODAY
Thurs	3/5/09	<p><u>TOPIC:</u> Administrative Law</p> <p><u>DUE TODAY:</u> Research Problem #4</p> <p><u>READING FOR TODAY:</u> Berring: pp. 225-276 (Ch. 8)</p> <p>Deskbook: pp. 64-69 (Ch. 3); pp. 135-154 (Ch. 5)</p> <p><u>ASSIGNED TODAY:</u> Handout exercise #6 - Due 3/12</p>

Tues	3/10/09	[Last Class] TOPIC: Effective Legal Research – Research Guides; <u>Discuss Research Problem #4; Wrap-up; Evaluation</u> READING FOR TODAY: Review the contents of the Gallagher Law Library’s Conduct Research section: http://lib.law.washington.edu .
Wed	3/11/09 at 1:00 p.m.	<u>DUE TODAY</u> <u>In Room L168, Professor Hazelton’s office:</u> <u>Exercise #6</u>

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