POVERTY LAW
FALL 2011

CASEBOOK

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This is not a course in public benefits law for the poor. It is a course in the procedural, substantive and ethical components of civil rights and social justice practice—representing marginalized people. Among the topics are housing, sexual minorities, and domestic violence.

GRADING
Grade will be based on (1) An analytical book review (2) A civil rights pleading project (3) Class preparation and attendance.

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ASSIGNMENTS

Mon 26 Sept  What Are We Doing Here?  CB 1-25

Tue 27 Sept  Thinking Like a Lawyer?Show Me the Money! - CB 25-39; 87-116


Thu 29 Sept  Career Challenges and Enrichment --Guest Speaker: Prof Hugh Lee

Mon 3 Oct  Standard Pleadings in Civil Rights Actions – “Land of Opportunity” Memo; FRCP 8,12,23,56(e); Forms 1,2; 42 USC 1983


Wed 5 Oct  Recent Obstacles in Civil Rights Pleading--Hutchisonv.Nashville 685 F.Supp.2d 747(2010); Leatherman v. Tarrant County 507 U.S. 163 (1993); FRCP 8, 9, 11, 12


Mon 10 Oct  New Opportunities in Civil Rights Pleading and Practice II—Eastman Article 795-822; CB 657-666

Tue 11 Oct  New Opportunities in Civil Rights Pleading and Practice III—Eastman Article 822-864; FRCP 23

FILM: Stonewall Uprising  Time and Room TBA

Wed 12 Oct  Sexual Minorities—CB 931-947


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ANALYTICAL BOOK REVIEW ASSIGNMENT GUIDE

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An analytical book review is an essay about a book. The paper should explain the book’s topic and its argument. It is not simply a summary of the book. Rather, it should show me your thought in depth and address the following questions: (1) Why is the topic important? (2) What is the author’s perspective? (3) What kind of evidence does the author give in support of the argument? (4) What was it about the evidence and argument that you found particularly persuasive or unpersuasive? Explain. (5) Did the organization, style, and voice of the book advance the author’s perspective or not? Explain. (6) In what ways, if at all, will this work be helpful in dealing with marginalized people or communities, or with other social justice issues? You may also cover other issues, such as how the book relates to your vision of the part of poverty law covered in this course, or why you chose this book.

The essay should be about 7 pages long, exclusive of footnotes or end notes. Papers should be double spaced with normal margins and 12 point font. Blue Book form is not required for citations. The rule is: a citation must be sufficient to allow me to find and check it. You may reference class materials casually if they are relevant (e.g.“contrary to what Duncan Kennedy states at page 22 of the casebook”)

Keep the topic fairly close to legal practice. Particularly appropriate are biographies of lawyers, books about lawyering, or books about legal cases. There are a lot of good ones. More than one of you may choose the same book. If so, you are simply on your honor not to collaborate. No novels or books that are generally about a social problem with little direct connection to law or law practice. If in doubt, contact me. Otherwise, have fun and learn things!

Prof Geimer