

Welcome 1Ls to Roger Williams School of Law and LP 1. Below, we have indicated the tests/resources you will need for LP I (you will receive instructions from your LP Professor regarding accessing the online resources). After the texts/resources, you will see your first assignment. We look forward to meeting you!

Your LP Professors

Required Texts:

- (1) Christine Coughlin, et al., A Lawyer Writes (Carolina Academic Press, 3rd ed. 2018)(“Coughlin”);
- (2) The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation (Columbia Law Review Ass’n et al. eds., 21st ed. 2020), available at <http://www.legalbluebook.com> (“Bluebook”);
- (3) Linda J. Barris, Understanding and Mastering the Bluebook (Carolina Academic Press, 4th ed. 2020) (“Barris”);
- (4) Mastering The Bluebook® Interactive Exercises 2020-21 Edition (“MBIE”), available at <https://masteringthebluebook.com>;
- (5) Harvard Law School Library: Legal Research Strategy, available at <https://guides.library.harvard.edu/law/researchstrategy/primarysources#s-lg-page-section-2497248> (“Harvard”); and
- (6) Core Grammar for Lawyers (Carolina Academic Press 2011), available at <http://www.coregrammarforlawyers.com> (“CG”).

Week	Topic	Due this Week	Goals and Objectives
Orientation Week <i>August 11-14</i>	Introduction to Legal Practice; Understanding the American Legal System and Sources of Law	<b>Prior to class:</b> Read: (1) Coughlin, pp. 3-31; and (2) Course Policies	<b>Goals:</b> Able to grasp the significance of the hierarchy of authority in both the federal and states’ judicial systems.  <b>Objectives:</b> Able to recognize the difference between federal law and state law and between binding and persuasive authority.

\*Two LP I sections, both of which Professor Milonas will be teaching, will be entirely online. Those classes are indicated as such on the RWUSOL fall class schedule. All other LP I classes will be partially asynchronous or synchronous and partially “live,” meaning those LP classes that are not designated to be delivered entirely remotely will have some “in-class” component.

For any online, synchronous portion of your LP class, you must use your video function on your laptop or phone, unless your LP Professor has given you prior permission to do otherwise.