## **Legal Practice I: First Assignments**

## Dear 1L:

On behalf of the Legal Practice Professors, welcome to the RWU School of Law: We all look forward to meeting you! Below, I have included information regarding the texts you need for Legal Practice I (LPI), though for the time being, do not worry about the Harvard Law School Library materials. We will provide you with information regarding accessing those a little later in the semester.

Please note that LPI does not meet in person during Orientation Week: The assigned reading is for background and context regarding the course. In addition, your LP I Professor may post to your LP I class's Bridges site a short, asynchronous introduction to LP I. *Please be on the lookout for an email from your LP I Professor regarding the same.* 

Please note, too, that the first day of classes is Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>; however, many of you are scheduled for a Monday LP class. Accordingly, for those of you scheduled for Mondays, your LP Professor will be in touch with you regarding a rescheduled class for that first week; i.e., you will have class but not on Monday. *Again, please be on the lookout for an email from your LP I Professor regarding you rescheduled LP I class*.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Professor Elizabeth Colt on behalf of the LP I Professors (Professors Brown, Gott, Hashway, McConnell, and Milonas)

Required Texts for LP I (all are available at the RWU Bookstore):

- (1) Christine Coughlin, et al., <u>A Lawyer Writes</u> (Carolina Academic Press, 3rd ed. 2018)("Coughlin");
- (2) <u>The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation</u> (Columbia Law Review Ass'n et al. eds., 21st ed. 2020), <u>available at http://www.legalbluebook.com</u> ("Bluebook");
- (3) Linda J. Barris, Understanding and Mastering the Bluebook (Carolina Academic Press, 4th ed. 2020) ("Barris"); and
- (4) Harvard Law School Library: Legal Research Strategy, <u>available at https://guides.library.harvard.edu/law/researchstrategy/primarysources#s-lg-page-section-2497248 ("Harvard").</u>

Assignments:

Week	Topic	Due this Week
Orientation Week August 11-13	Introduction to Legal Practice	Prior to class: Read: (1) Coughlin, pp. 3-14; and (2) Course Policies
Week 1 August 16-20 Tuesday is the first day of classes. Your LP Professor will reschedule Monday's class for later this week: Attendance is mandatory.	Understanding the American Legal System and Sources of Law; Reading, Analyzing, and Understanding How Statutes and Judicial Opinions (Cases) Affect the Outcome of a Client Matter; Developing and Articulating Legal Rules	Prior to class: (1) Coughlin, pp. 15-59; and (2) Office Memorandum Packet  Due by the beginning of your LP class: (1) Signed Acknowledgment of Course Policies Due by 4:00 p.m., Friday, August 20th via Bridges: (1) Sentence Clarity and Plain English Diagnostic