

Reading Assignment for Wednesday, August 14, 2019

Welcome to Roger Williams University School of Law!

As part of Orientation, you will be participating in some Academic Skills classes, that will introduce you to some concepts and skills that will be key to your work in law school and in your legal careers. We believe that these sessions will be helpful in preparing you for your law school classes.

For the first day of Orientation, Wednesday, August 14, please read the attached materials, which include a case, and a statute. These are not long in terms of pages, but you will need to read them carefully and slowly, and you should read them more than once. In legal cases, you are likely to find Latin phrases or other terms that you do not know. Make it a practice to look these up in a Black's Law Dictionary (available online or in bookstore).

The reading assignment also includes study questions that we have prepared. Please review these carefully and try to answer them. We will be reviewing the study questions in class. At the first class, we will be giving you a short reading assignment for Thursday, the second day of Orientation. This assignment will include another case and study questions.

In law school, you will be introduced to new types of reading, analysis, and thinking, which will take practice to master. Please do not be concerned if you complete the assignment and feel that you do not understand everything. This is perfectly normal! All we ask for now is that you do the assignment carefully, and try your best to understand the material and answer the study questions. We will go over the material in detail in the Academic Skills classes during Orientation.

We look forward to seeing you at Orientation!

Professor Jonathan Gutoff
Professor Emily Sack
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Professor Kathryn Thompson