

COURSE SYLLABUS –FIRST ASSIGNMENT

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE AND PRACTICE Fall 2021

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Office hours: Before class on Tuesdays or Thursdays or by appointment.

Grading: You will be graded on several written assignments: 1 motion to suppress physical evidence; 1 motion to suppress statements; 1 draft judicial decision on a motion for judgment of acquittal; and a sentencing memorandum. You will also be graded on your 2 oral presentations, and 2 + judging of student arguments. Class participation is expected and adds to your grade. Extra credit opportunities may be available.

TEXTS: Brent Newton, Criminal Litigation & Legal Issues in Criminal Procedure (NITA 4th ed. 2014) Joshua Dressler, Understanding Criminal Procedure, Volume I: Investigation (LexisNexis 7th ed. 2017) and 2020 update available at: [DresslerUndCrimProv.1&22020SUPPWM.pdf \(cap-press.com\)](https://www.cap-press.com/products/understanding-criminal-procedure-volume-1-investigation-7th-edition-2020-supplement)

Learning objectives:

- Students will analyze, evaluate and learn the substantive law of Criminal Procedure, relevant to each stage of a criminal case, including the applicable law of the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendments;
- Students will learn advocacy skills by presenting oral arguments and written motions pro and con prosecution and defense.
- Students will identify areas of criminal procedure where reform is needed or occurring.

1. Tuesday August 31 Team assignments/ Class outline/ Intro to Fourth Amendment and Intro to Arguing Motions in a Trial Court.

ASSIGNMENT: Read Dressler §1.01-§1.04 pages 3-to top of page14 and pages 30-33.