

TORTS: COHORT B – PROFESSOR WILLBANKS
Assignment for Tuesday, August 31, 2021

1. Enroll in Torts Fall 2021 Professor Willbanks on TWEN.
You will need your Westlaw password to register on Westlaw before enrolling in the court on TWEN.
You will receive your password during Orientation.
See the syllabus for information about TWEN
The syllabus was sent to Torts Cohort B students through the Vermont Law School email on August 16, 2021.
If you are assigned to Cohort B and did not receive that email, contact Professor Willbanks by email: swillbanks@vermontlaw.edu.

2. Introduction to Tort Law and Battery: Intent to Contact
Required Reading: text pages 1-23
Suggested Reading: Anatomy of a Lawsuit (A PowerPoint Presentation)
Anatomy of a Lawsuit (Word Document)
Elements of a Case Brief
How to Read a Legal Option
All are on TWEN @ Supplemental Readings

Be prepared to discuss these questions:

What are the three basic categories of Tort law?

What are the primary rationales for Tort law?

What are subsidiary rationales for Tort law?

Which rationale do you think is the most important? Why?

Be prepared to discuss *Waters v. Blackshear* at page 16 by briefing that case.

Be prepared to discuss *Polmather v. Russ* at page 18 by briefing that case.

What are the elements of a cause of action for battery?

What element(s) were at issue in *Waters*?

What element(s) were at issue in *Polmather*?

Be prepared to discuss the problems at pages 22-23.

Note: if you were not able to purchase the textbook, these pages are available on the course website on TWEN under the tab: Syllabus and Related Materials.