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**First Assignment**

1. **Friday, September 2**  
   Course Introduction

**Read:**
- *Plain English for Lawyers*, Richard C. Wydick  
- “**Simplicity**” from *On Writing Well*, William Zinsser  
- “Don’t Mumble”, Chapter 2, from *Writing that Works*, Roman & Raphaelson  
- “**Be Clear**” from *The Elements of Style*, Strunk & White

**Assignment:**
- Please choose a short piece to read (in addition to readings above).  
  Try to find an example you genuinely like. As you read or afterwards, jot down a list of what you like. What do you think makes it good? Why? Even though these writing examples may not be in the category of legal writing, try to connect your thoughts back to the principles underscored in our other readings for class (Wydick, Zinsser, etc.). Come prepared to share your thoughts in class.