

Legal Research and Writing: An Integrated Approach
Syllabus
Fall 2022
Professor Greg Johnson

Monday, August 29

An introduction to American legal systems

A Lawyer Writes, 15-22 (Sources of Law) (through “Weave a Tapestry”)

Legal Research, 1-5 (Introduction: Context and Framework)

Constitution of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe (on Canvas)

The Bluebook, review ix-xvi (Table of Contents), read 1-4 (Introduction and Rule B1.1) and Rules B11 and 11

Assignments:

1. In a paragraph of 100-150 words, compare/contrast the Preambles of the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.
Due on Sunday, September 4, by 11:59 pm (upload to Canvas)
2. Install (free to you) Microsoft Office 365 from VLGS’s IT website if you do not already have it.

You have two options for the required Westlaw training:

Westlaw Training - Option #1

Monday, August 29, 2022, 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Microsoft Teams meeting

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Westlaw Training - Option #2

Tuesday, August 30, 2022, 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Microsoft Teams meeting

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Wednesday, August 31

Hierarchies of authority; an introduction to *stare decisis*; legal research process

A Lawyer Writes, 22-31 (Systems of law)

Legal Research, 9-30 (Chapter 1: Research Methods and Process)

Legal Research Process Chart (on Canvas)

United States v. Cooley, ___ U.S. ___, 141 S.Ct. 1638 (2020). (on Canvas).

June Med. Servs. v. Russo, ___ U.S. ___, 140 S.Ct. 2103 (2020). (on Canvas).

The Bluebook, Rules B2, B10.1.1, 10.2, and Table 6 (Case names in citations)

You have two options for the required Lexis+ training:

Lexis+ Training – Option #1

Wednesday, August 31, 2022, 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Microsoft Teams meeting

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Lexis+ Training - Option #2

September, 1, 2022, 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Microsoft Teams meeting