

Legal Writing II
Spring 2023
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Readings for the first class (Wednesday, January 18)

Dear students,

For our first class, please read pages 1-41 of the Unit 1 Folder. You can find that Folder on the course Canvas site (under Unit 1), which is now open. Come to class prepared to discuss Judge Sutton's defense of state constitutional law. Please also read *The Bluebook* Rules B15 (in the Blue pages) and 15 (in the White pages). We will discuss how to cite to books.

The first writing assignment of the semester is an essay on state constitutional law. I will have much more to say about this assignment in our first class. I have posted sample essays by students from previous years on Canvas (under Unit 1) to show you the content and form of the essay. With those samples as a guide, you can start thinking about possible topics for your essay on state constitutional law. I am happy to discuss your ideas for the paper. I have been assigning this essay for years, so I am good at taking your ideas and quickly shaping them into a workable topic for the paper. This assignment due on Sunday, February 5, so it is important that you start thinking about possible topics right away.

See you in class next Wednesday!