

LWR 120-D1: Legal Research: Special Topics: Intellectual Property
Fall 2009

Syllabus

Professor: Meg Butler (185 West Broadway, Room L 202.7 / x2148)

Course Materials: *Legal Research Illustrated: An Abridgment of Fundamentals of Legal Research*, (9th ed.), Steven M. Barkan, Roy M. Mersky, & Donald J. Dunn. (LRI)

Attendance: Mandatory. Class meets Sept. 14 to Nov. 2, 2009, from 11:00-12:40PM. There will be no class Monday, September 28.

Office Hours: I'm available in the library during the week, by appointment, for additional help.

Format of Course: The course will include in-class lecture and research lab sessions in the Mendik Library.

Web Course: Students are required to enroll and participate in the Blackboard web class.

Location: L203; no food or drink in the electronic research classroom.

Grades: Your grade will be based on three homework assignments (10% each), one quiz (20%), and a take-home final examination (50%).

CALI Lessons: I recommend that you complete the optional CALI lessons: Copyright and Trademark Legal Research and Legal Research Methodology. If you haven't created a CALI account, please register before completing the required lessons. NEWYLAstu142 is the password/authorization code needed for registration.

Goals: This course will improve your skills in researching intellectual property law, particularly focusing on the complex regulatory structure. To that end, you will improve your knowledge of statutory and administrative processes and practice the process of developing a research plan and strategy. We will utilize free web sources, Lexis and Westlaw, and specialized intellectual property research resources, discussing the merits of the different research tools and considering the cost-effectiveness of the tools.

Session 1 (Monday, September 14, 2009)

Reading: *Legal Research Illustrated (LRI)*: Chapters 1 and 2 (p. 1-20); Chapter 3, Sections D & E (27-31); Chapter 23 (skim)

Homework: **Assignment 1 distributed**; due September 21, 2009

Session 2 (Monday, September 21, 2009)

Reading: *LRI*: Chapters 8, 9, and one additional chapter on a specific secondary source, to be assigned during session 1

Homework: **ASSIGNMENT 1 DUE**
Assignment 2 distributed; due October 5, 2009

Session 3 (Monday, October 5, 2009)

Reading: *LRI*: Chapter 10

Homework: **ASSIGNMENT 2 DUE**

Session 4 (Monday, October 12, 2009)

Reading: *LRI*: Chapter 13

Session 5 (Monday, October 19, 2009)

Administrative Law, cont'd; Looseleaf services

Reading: *LRI*: Chapter 14; BNA Library Quick Tour

Homework: **Assignment 3 distributed**; due October 26, 2009

Session 6 (Monday, October 26, 2009)

Reading: *LRI*: Chapter 22

Homework: **Assignment 3 DUE**

QUIZ: **Open book/open note quiz**

Session 7 (Monday, November 2, 2009)

Reading: *LRI*: Chapters 4, 5, 6, 7, 15

Final Exam: **DUE November 30, 2009**