

Fall 2014 Syllabus – Criminal Procedure: Adjudication

Instructor: Ryan McConnell

Materials: There will be a course packet for this class that will contain excerpts of cases, statutes, and selected U.S. Department of Justice policies. You do not have to buy a casebook.

Class times: Monday and Wednesday - 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM.

About the class: This class will focus on federal criminal procedure. After you finish the class, the goal is that you have (1) an understanding of criminal procedure and (2) picked up some practical skills and insights that will help you in your practice down the road. Each class will begin with a brief review of the material that we covered the previous class (except for the first class). The rest of the class will be lecture with a discussion of the case law, Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, and applicable DOJ policies. There will be an optional opportunity to observe a courtroom proceeding that will be arranged with the U.S. District Court in Houston with a discussion with the judge. There will be guest speakers that will address certain subject matters. Past guest speakers have included federal judges, defense attorneys, and prosecutors.

The Exam: There will be a closed book, multiple choice and short answer exam. The exam will count for 95% of your grade. Questions on the exam will be drawn on the materials we cover in class. Guest speaker material will also be covered. I will provide you with an outline that will cover most of the material that we will discuss in class after the first few class sessions.

Attendance: This class is early and I'm not really a morning person. If I can do it, so can you. The law school's attendance policy mandates that you attend 80% of the classes. So come to class.

Class Participation: You'll learn more if you participate (and it avoids awkward silence). And, if you participate, I will add up to five percentage points to your grade based on class participation.

Reading: The reading materials consist of the supplement material below.

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DATE	TOPIC	SUPPLEMENT READING
8/26	Introduction	none
8/31	Charging Federal Crimes	A
9/7	Grand Jury	B
9/9	Grand Jury – Arrest/Initial	B & C
9/14	Indictment/Venue	D
9/16	Indictment/Venue	D
9/21	Right to Counsel	E
9/23	Bail	F
9/28	Speedy Trial	G
9/30	Speedy Trial	G
10/5	Corporate Charging	H
10/7	Discovery (intro)	I
10/12	Discovery (case law)	I
10/14	Discovery and Confrontation Clause Intro	I & J
10/19	Confrontation Clause	J
10/21	Confrontation Clause	J
10/26	Guilty Plea	K
10/28	Right to Counsel	L
11/2	Right to Counsel and Review	L

11/4	Trial	M
11/9	Trial	M
11/11	Sentencing	N
11/16	Sentencing	N
11/18	Sentencing/Double Jeopardy	N and O
11/23	Sentencing	N
11/30	Appeals	P
12/2	Final Review/Quiz night	none