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Professor Ragazzo

Civil Procedure, Fall 2022, § B

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Materials: The required materials for the course are Friedenthal, Miller, Sexton, Hershkoff, Steinman & McKenzie, Civil Procedure: Cases and Materials (West 13th ed. 2022) and the 2022-2023 Supplement thereto. The additional cases referred to in the syllabus will be e-mailed to you during the semester. You will be permitted to bring these materials, and no others, to the examination. You may refer to material written on these materials (and any tabs placed in your books) during the examination. You may not place anything else on these materials for reference during the examination.

Preparation: As a general rule, we cover approximately 20-25 pages per class. During each class, I announce the following day's assignment. It is your responsibility to keep track of the assignments on a daily basis. Remember to consult the Supplement for constitutional, statutory, and rule provisions. Also remember to consider how previous cases are related to the current day's assignment.

Participation: I expect everyone to be prepared to discuss the assigned material in each class. I will call on students at random. I grade class participation.

Grading: The grade will be derived from one four-hour exam given at the end of the course, plus or minus any adjustment for class participation. The adjustment for class participation is limited to one notch (i.e., 0.33 of a grade).

Computers: I do not permit computers to be used during class. You are permitted to type the exam if your computer is equipped with a program that prevents you from accessing material stored on your hard drive.

Office Hours: I am generally available following our class. If you need to speak to me at another time, just send me an e-mail, and we will work out something that is mutually convenient. I do not answer substantive questions by e-mail.