

Class Grading Statute –
Statutory Drafting Critique Competition

Now that the class has agreed to a statute to govern its supplemental grade credit (via a mid-term and options for multiple choice questions on the final), it's time to give the statute an acid test.

I will award a bounty to the student who identifies the most serious ambiguity or flaw in the statute's language or structure. The prize is a pair of tickets to the Astros-Tigers game on August 16, 2015 (Sunday) at 1:10 pm. The seats are directly behind third base in the 10th row, which should give you an opportunity to heartily boo (or cheer) the Tigers and catch the occasional ball tossed by the team as they run off the field.

The rules are simple:

- Each student can submit only one criticism or flaw that he or she identifies in the statute. Please pick only your single most powerful and trenchant objection. I will prefer criticisms that use the statutory doctrines and tools that we have discussed in class (rather than objections based on practical application, policy, theory or philosophy).
- I will have complete and sole discretion over selection of the winner. Please be prepared to share your criticism or identified flaw with the class.
- If multiple students identify the same flaw and I determine that the flaw is the most fundamental one, I will place those students' names into a bowl and randomly select the winner.
- If you cannot use the tickets on this particular game date, you are free to either switch them to an alternate date, give them away (the Public Interest Law Organization could definitely use them), or sell them at your discretion.
- These season tickets are shared with in-house counsel from Chevron and partners from several Houston law firms. I don't know who will have the other two tickets next to you, but you have to be on your best and (semi-)professional behavior with them.
- The deadline to submit your identified statutory language flaw is Friday, April 17, at 5:00 pm CDT.

Please email me if you have any additional questions or concerns. I will post any response to the full class (unless you request otherwise) so that everyone will have access to the same information.

Thanks – and good hunting!