

University of Houston Law Center

RACE AND AMERICAN LAW

Professor Tony Chase

FALL SYLLABUS 2013

Class Times and Office Hours

The class meets from 9:00a.m. to 10:20 on Tuesday and Thursday weekly. My office hours (224 BLB) are by appointments only. My phone number is (713) 874-5801 and my e-mail address tchase@chasesource.com. My assistant's name is Shervonda Smith (please schedule with her) and her number is (713) 874-5803.

Information about the Course

I expect all students to be prepared for all classes. You must be prepared in court, and when dealing with clients, and now is the time to internalize that ethic.

You must attend at least 80% of your classes, which works out to 5.6 missed classes. (Yes, I'll round it up to six).

Class participation is very important. I invite everyone to take a strong role in class. Don't worry about looking silly. I'll try always to answer with respect. Finally, I request that you stand whenever you address the class.

Reading Assignments

Derrick A. Bell; Race, Racism, and American Law, 6th Edition; Aspen Publishers

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CLASS 1 – INTRODUCTIONS, SYLLABUS AND INTENDED DIRECTION OF THE CLASS

EXERCISE BEFORE CLASS: Short (maximum 500 words) essay identifying student's race, and what student relies on to identify race. The essay should reflect the student's experience living in a racialized society, e.g., when did you become first aware of the concept of race? What is your race? Have you lived and worked in a diverse community? School? Workplace? Has the "race" of others affected your life or the life of your family members? How? Describe your most positive experience related to race. Describe your most negative experience related to race.

CLASS 1-A. STUDENT DISCUSSION

CLASS 2 –INTRODUCTION TO ISSUES OF RACE AND LAW

CLASS 2-A. STUDENT DISCUSSION

CLASS 3 – THE QUEST FOR EFFECTIVE SCHOOLS

CLASS 3-A. STUDENT DISCUSSION

SPEAKER: TO BE DETERMINED

CLASS 4: FAIR EMPLOYMENT LAWS AND THEIR LIMITS

CLASS 4-A. STUDENT DISCUSSION

CLASS 5: DISCRIMINATION IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

CLASS 5-A. STUDENT DISCUSSION

CLASS 6: RACISM IN THE JURY BOX

CLASS 6-A. STUDENT DISCUSSION

CLASS 7: VOTING RIGHTS

CLASS 7-A. STUDENT DISCUSSION

CLASS 8: VOTING RIGHTS CONTINUED

CLASS 8-A. STUDENT DISCUSSION

CLASS 9: PROPERTY BEARERS AND FAIR HOUSING LAWS

CLASS 9-A. STUDENT DISCUSSION

CLASS 10: INTERRACIAL INTIMATE RELATIONSHIPS AND RACIAL IDENTIFICATION

CLASS 10-A. STUDENT DISCUSSION

CLASS 11: TO BE DETERMINED

SPEAKER: TO BE ANNOUNCED

PAPER DUE

5:00 p.m.