Foreign Scholars
Lawyering Skills & Strategies – Fall 2015

Professor Brem’s First Day Assignments

Please read pages 27-32 and pages 45-48 in Legal Reasoning, Research, and Writing for International Graduate Students by Nadia E. Nedzel, and the first supplemental reading in Professor Brem’s Supplemental Reading Packet – available for pick-up in the LSS office suite on Friday, August 7, 2015.

Also, please obtain your access code to Core Grammar for Lawyers from Rose Verde, our assistant in the LSS office suite. You may contact her by email at rverde@central.uh.edu. Go to coregrammarforlawyers.com and take the Pre-Test prior to our first day of class.

a. Activate your subscription and enter this exact Class Code, which is unique for our section:
   315-209-130
b. Once your subscription is activated, you are ready to begin.
   i. The first step is to open the Pre-Test by clicking on the link on the home page, called your “Bookshelf”.
   ii. Set aside from 45-90 minutes to answer the Pre-Test questions to the best of your ability (it took me about 45 minutes; the program suggests you set aside 90 minutes). Please do not consult outside resources - it is a closed book exam.
   iii. Please be aware, THIS EXAM IS NOT FOR A GRADE. In fact, you will find that, while it tests you on some basic grammar rules, it will also test you on many unique to the legal field that will be new to you. If you come across something that is completely new to you, simply skip over it to save time.

Please do not be discouraged if you encounter grammar questions that seem completely foreign to you. Consider them an introduction to the legal writing style all U.S. lawyers employ. You, too, will be familiar with these rules before you complete this class.

Enjoy your last few days of summer and I’ll see you in class Monday, August 10!

Regards,

Professor Katherine Brem