Welcome to law school and the University of Houston Law Center. I look forward to meeting and getting to know each of you. Until then, please complete the following tasks before our first class meeting:


2. Read Handout #1 in your *Supplemental Materials Packet*, which will be available in the LSS offices beginning on Friday, August 7, 2015.

3. Please complete the Pre-Test in the Core Grammar for Lawyers (“CGL”) Program in which all FLLM students will participate this year. There is no charge to students for this service. To register, please do the following:

   - Complete the form and be sure to select "Texas" for your state and "University of Houston Law Center" for your school.
   - On the payment page, enter your code in the Access Code field. No credit card is required.
   - Verify the purchase and continue on to create your Core Grammar for Lawyers account.
   - You will be able to start using CGL immediately.
   - Your class code is 315-209-5706.

Once your subscription is activated, you are ready to begin.

   i. Open the Pre-Test by clicking on the link on the home page, called your “Bookshelf.”

   ii. Set aside 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 allow 90 minutes. Complete the Pre-Test, regardless of how long it takes.) Please do not consult outside resources, as it is a closed-book exam.

   iii. Please be aware that 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 rules 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. The purpose of the
Pre-Test is to enable you to skip lessons later in the semester about the grammar that you already know.

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 lawyers employ. You, too, will be familiar with these rules before you complete this class. This grammar program, as annoying as it may seem, is important to your achieving the second and third goals set forth above – preparing professional writing samples for judicial internship and summer clerkship applications, and perfecting the legal writing skills employers will expect you to know throughout your practice.

See you in class Monday, August 10!

Professor Piller