

SPRING 2020 SYLLABUS – CRIMINAL PROCEDURE: INVESTIGATIONS

INSTRUCTORS:

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CLASS TIMES:

Tuesday and Thursday, 6-7:20pm.

BOOK:

Criminal Procedure, Investigation, Chemerinsky and Levenson (3rd Edition)

CONTENT: This class will focus on the constitutional and procedural aspects of criminal investigations which include Search and Seizure, the Exclusionary Rule, Police Interrogation and the Privilege Against Self-Incrimination, Identification Procedures, and the Right to Counsel to name a few. Professors Braley and Martinez have over 40 years combined experience conducting complex criminal investigations, using of the Grand Jury to investigate, employing sensitive investigatory techniques like TIII wire intercepts, and presenting complex legal and factual issues to judges and juries.

GRADE: The grade in this class will be based on an exam given at the end of the semester. The exam will consist of short answer/essay/multiple choice style questions.

ATTENDANCE: The law school mandates that you attend 80% of the classes. You must comply with this requirement

PARTICIPATION: Class participation is an essential part of each class. Professors will utilize hypotheticals drawn from actual practice and case readings to teach concepts. Class participation can account for as much as 5% of the final grade.

READING:

The reading assignments are drawn from the casebook and outlined below. Reading assignments will be made at the end of each class. Generally, all students should stay at least four cases ahead in their readings.

We will likely cover the entire textbook during our course. The course topics are as follows:

Chapter 1-Introduction to Criminal Procedure pp. 1-29

Chapter 2-Searches and Seizure pp. 31-364

What is a Search

The Requirement of Probable Cause

The Warrant Requirement

Exceptions to the Warrant Requirement

Seizures and Arrests

Stop and Frisk
Electronic Surveillance

Chapter 3-The Exclusionary Rule pp. 373-457

Is the Exclusionary Rule a Desirable Remedy for Unconstitutional Behavior

The Origins

When Does the Exclusionary Rule Apply

Who Can Object to the Introduction of Evidence and Raise the Exclusionary Rule

Exceptions

Chapter 4-Police Interrogations and the Privilege Against Self-Incrimination pp. 459-651

Due Process and the Requirement of Voluntariness

Fifth Amendments Limits on In-Custodial Interrogation

Miranda

Consequences of Violations

Waiver, and

Exceptions

Fifth and Sixth Amendment Right to Counsel and Police Interrogation

Chapter 5-Identification Procedures pp. 657-699

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