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Subject: Statutory interpretation -- reading panel for Jan. 16

Kevin, Isabela and Nicolas:

As we discussed in class today, you will be on our first reading panel for the class on Thursday. Our discussion will focus on the legislative process and how the development of a bill can affect our interpretation of the final statute. In particular, be prepared to discuss how you would advise a client who wants you to help identify options and strategies to modify or kill a pending federal bill. As always, you can find the readings and supplemental materials at the class website (http://www.law.uh.edu/faculty/thester/courses/Statutory2014/course.html).

Please also familiarize yourself with the Texas legislative process from the flowchart on the class website, but we will postpone a substantive discussion of Texas bills and procedures until Representative Davis joins us on Jan. 30.

We will also craft and revise a sample statute in class, so please be familiar with the general structure and elements of statutes that we would need to include in our draft language.

See you on Thursday.

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