EVIDENCE SYLLABUS

Introduction:

In addition to a careful reading of the text, we will read, study, and discuss the Federal Rules of Evidence. Codes based upon the federal rules have been adopted in forty-two states, including Oregon. We will concentrate on the principles, purpose, policy, interrelationship and application of the Federal Rules of Evidence to specific factual situations.

From time to time you may be asked to argue motions or conduct questions in aid of an objection, opening, statements, closing arguments and direct and cross examinations using the Federal Rules of Evidence.

The syllabus is a goal and not a promise. Changes may be made to the syllabus. For example, I intend to bring in experts (trial lawyers or judges) on particular topics of evidence. All of the experts are in demand, and I will invite them as their schedules will allow. That means the syllabus will have to yield when they come to class.

As a general rule please stay 50 pages ahead of where we ended the last session.

Text: Jones, Merrit, Simmons: Learning Evidence: From the Federal Rules to the Courtroom, 2d Edition, West (required)


Final Grade: There will be a three-hour final examination. One additional grade point (i.e., C to C+) will be given based upon the quantity and quality of class participation.

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