

Spring 2014

First Assignment Form

Name	Professor Tim Iglesias
Course	Property Law
<u>Required Text/Reading</u>	<p>The course text is Freyermuth, Organ & Noble-Allgire, PROPERTY AND LAWYERING 3rd edition (West 2011)</p> <p>There will also be handouts and documents posted on our TWEN website.</p>
<u>1st Assignment</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Write a brief response (a paragraph or two) to each of the questions below. The whole paper should be 2 – 3 pages. Do this part of the assignment <u>before</u> you read the first assignment in the casebook. Relax. This is <u>not</u> a test of any kind; it is an exercise to provoke reflection on your part and to give me a sense of what you think at the start of the course. Submit your essay to the Assignment Drop Box on our TWEN website <u>by 6:00 pm on Monday, January 6th before our first class.</u><ol style="list-style-type: none">a. What is “property”?b. What is <u>not</u> “property”?c. What does it mean to “own” property?d. How do we know who is the “owner” of property?e. What is a “property right”?f. Do property owners have any “duties” or obligations by virtue of their property ownership? If so, what duties and to whom?g. Why do we (society and courts) recognize and enforce “property rights”?2. Read the Preface (pp. v – vii only); read pp. 1 – 7 (including introductory paragraph for “Right to Exclude”); Read pp. 10 (beginning with Guido Calabresi excerpt) – 28; Read backgrounder on <u>State v. Shack</u> (TWEN).3. Prepare any questions you have about the assigned material.4. Prepare the Lawyering Exercise (“LE”) on pp. 28 – 29 for an in-class exercise. <p><u>Focus:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The first writing assignment is due <u>before</u> our first class meeting. (See “First Assignment” on TWEN for details.)2. Read the Preface carefully to understand what the casebook

	<p>editors are trying to accomplish with this text. It may be different from your other classes.</p> <p>3. As you can imagine, property law is heavily debated. <i>The Concept of Property & Its Parameters</i> section provides a very brief overview of some different approaches to property law. Consider which approach most closely aligns with your current view. We will consider future cases and notes in light of these policy perspectives.</p>
<p><u>Brief Note to Students</u></p>	<p>Welcome to the class.</p> <p>Please register for the Property class TWEN course so that you can get access to class materials. The syllabus and first handouts will be available there for you to download soon. If you do not know how to register for the TWEN website, please get help from one of the research librarians or the Westlaw representative.</p> <p>Note that you must submit your essay to the Assignment Drop Box on our TWEN website <u>by 6 pm on Monday, January 6th</u></p> <p>No Laptop Policy: Consistent with my theory of education I have decided to not allow laptop use in the classroom.</p> <p>Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions by phone at (415) 422-5870 or by email at iglesias@usfca.edu.</p>