

TO: Students in Introduction to Law (Eisele Section)
FROM: Professor Eisele
DATE: June 30, 2010
RE: Introduction to Law (Fall, 2010)/**Assignments**

We'll first meet on Monday, August 16th; then we'll have two meetings on Tuesday, August 17; one meeting on Wednesday; one meeting on Thursday; and we'll finish the week on Friday, when you'll hand in a short writing assignment. I have set out this class schedule in the "Assignment Schedule," which is enclosed.

With this memo, you should receive (1) a copy of the main text for the course [Edgar Bodenheimer, et al, *An Introduction to the Anglo-American Legal System* (West Publishing: 4th ed. 2004)]; (2) a copy of the Haslem case; (3) an outline form for making a case brief; and (4) a completed case brief that outlines and describes the Haslem case.

At our first meeting, **the morning of Monday, August 16**, I'll use some of our class time to discuss in general the Anglo-American legal system. The material in the first chapter of the Bodenheimer text will serve as background to orient this discussion. The bulk of our time on Monday morning, however, we'll spend on the basics of briefing cases. For this purpose, we'll focus our attention on the Haslem case. The Haslem case is excerpted from William Bishin & Christopher Stone, *Law, Language, and Ethics* [Foundation Press: 1972]).

We'll also talk about an outline that we can use for briefing cases, as well as discuss the completed case brief for Haslem.

During **our Tuesday morning session**, we'll begin discussing the products liability cases (in Bodenheimer, pp. 124-140), probably covering the first 3 or 4 of them. Tuesday afternoon, we'll finish the products liability cases. On Wednesday morning, we'll discuss some wild animal cases and what is called "the rule of capture." Thursday and Friday, we'll move on to other materials, as specified in the enclosed Assignment Schedule.

I'll see you on Monday, August 16. Any questions?--please send me an e-mail.

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encs.: Bodenheimer text; Assignment Schedule; Haslem case; outline for case brief; & Haslem case brief