# **Habeas Corpus and Other Post-Conviction Remedies**

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## Required Reading:

There are no required texts to purchase. Much of the course materials will consist of cases and statutes available on Westlaw, Lexis-Nexis, or the Internet. Additional Course Materials will be provided by the instructor. Students interested in supplemental materials may want to purchase a copy of Larry W. Yackle, *Postconviction Remedies* (1981 ed. and 2002 cumulative supplement) and/or Ida P. Robbins, *Habeas Corpus Checklists* (2002 ed.). Students may be able to obtain a used copy of these texts at one of the bookstores or from another source; however, the instructors will not be pre-ordering any books.

### **SYLLABUS**

| Date                       | Topic   |
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| August 23 <sup>rd</sup>    | Introduction to Habeas and Post-Conviction<br>Overview of Class Policies  |
| August 30 <sup>th</sup>    | The Statutory Framework for Habeas and Post-Conviction  |
|                            | R.C. Chapter 2953: Ohio's Post-Conviction Scheme 28 U.S.C. § 2254 <i>et seq</i> .: The Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act |
|                            | Reading Assignment: 1. Read the entire text of 28 U.S.C. § 2254 and O.R.C. § 2953.21 2. Review the flow chart of appeal procedures    |
| September 13 <sup>th</sup> | Challenging a State Conviction in Federal Court: The Nature of Habeas Corpus Remedies and The Custody Requirement                     |
|                            | Reading Assignment:   |
|                            | 1. Read Chapter One (Sections 1 through 13) in <i>Postconviction Remedies</i>   |
|                            | 2. Read Chapters Two (Sections 17 through 28) and Four (Sections 41 through 51) in <i>Postconviction Remedies</i>                     |

September 20<sup>th</sup>

Raising Constitutional Issues during Post-Conviction: Part One The Death Penalty and Ineffective Assistance of Counsel

## **Reading Assignment:**

1. Read the following cases:

Gregg v. Georgia, 428 U.S. 153 (1976) Strickland v. Washington, 466 U.S. 668 (1984) Wiggins v. Smith, 123 S.Ct. 2527 (2003)

2. Read Section 137 of Chapter 8 in Postconviction Remedies

September 27<sup>th</sup>

Raising Constitutional Issues during Post-Conviction: Part Two Prosecutorial Misconduct, The Selection of Jurors, and The Limiting Doctrine

## **Reading Assignment:**

1. Read the following cases:

Witherspoon v. Illinois, 391 U.S. 510 (1968) Batson v. Kentucky, 476 U.S. 79 (1987)

2. Read Sections 96 through 100 of Chapter 7 in *Postconviction Remedies* 

October 4<sup>th</sup>

Raising Constitutional Issues during Post-Conviction: Part Three Sentencing Issues

### **Reading Assignment:**

1. Read the following cases:

United States v. Booker, 543 U.S. 220 (2005) Rita v. United States, Sup. Ct. No. 06-5754 (June 21, 2007) Ohio v. Foster, 109 Ohio St.3d 1 (2006)

October 11th

Procedural Obstacles to a Hearing on the Merits: Part One The Exhaustion Requirement

#### **Reading Assignment:**

1. Read Chapter 5 (Sections 52 through 69) in *Postconviction Remedies* 

October 18th

Procedural Obstacles to a Hearing on the Merits: Part Two Procedural Default

#### **Reading Assignment:**

1. Read Chapter 6 (Sections 70 through 87) in *Postconviction Remedies* 

October 25<sup>th</sup>

Fall Break (no class)

November 1st

Procedural Obstacles to a Hearing on the Merits: Part Three The AEDPA's Statute of Limitations and Tolling Provisions

## **Reading Assignment:**

- 1. Review 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d)(1)
- 2. Read the following cases: *Rhines v. Weber*, 125 S.Ct. 1528 (2005) *Holland v. Florida*, 130 S.Ct. 2549 (2010)

November 8th

Procedural Obstacles to a Hearing on the Merits: Part Four Standards of Review, Habeas Rules on Discovery, and Evidentiary Hearings

## **Reading Assignment:**

- 1. Review the Federal Rules of Habeas Procedure
- 2. Review 28 U.S.C. § 2254(e)(2)
- 3. Read the following cases: *Lockyer v. Andrade*, 538 U.S. 63 (2003) *Bracy v. Gramley*, 520 U.S. 899 (1997)

November 15<sup>th</sup>

Special Procedural Problems in Ohio

### **Reading Assignment:**

1. Read the following cases:

State v. Cole, 2 Ohio St.3d 112 (1982)

State v. Perry, 10 Ohio St.2d 175 (1967)

State v. Murnahan, 63 Ohio St.3d 60 (1992)

November 22<sup>nd</sup>

Habeas Corpus Relief and Retroactivity; End-Game Litigation

#### **Reading Assignment:**

- 1. Review 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(1)
- 2. Read the following cases:

Teague v. Lane, 489 U.S. 288 (1989)

Gonzales v. Crosby, 125 S.Ct. 2641 (2005)

November 29th

The Mechanics of a Habeas Corpus Case: Investigation, Pleadings, and the Role of Hearings \*Final Exam Review\*

#### **Reading Assignment:**

1. Read Chapter 8 (Sections 111 through 138) in *Postconviction Remedies*