CIVIL PROCEDURE II

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Casebook: Marcus, Redish & Sherman, Civil Procedure: A Modern Approach

Rule Book: Federal Civil Rules Supplement (ed. A. Benjamin Spencer)

Other: Handouts (to be distributed in class or on TWEN as necessary)

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FIRST CLASS ASSIGNMENT

This is a TWEN course, so please be sure to sign up for TWEN prior to our first class session.

For the first class, please read pp. 285-296 in your casebook; you can skip note 1 after the Natural Resources case.

Also read Rules 1 and 24 in your Rule Book, skim Rule 19 and 28 U.S.C. § 1367 as well.

For class, consider the following questions as you read:

- 1. Why doesn't 42 U.S.C. § 4332 cited in this case obviate the need for litigation? Why is there a lawsuit if this provision requires the federal agency to issue an environmental impact statement when it issues licenses?
- 2. What criteria does a court use to determine whether to allow a party to intervene; how are those criteria applied in this particular case?
- 3. Who or what is the American Mining Congress? Why would a court want to allow them in as part of the litigation? What would the practical effect of their participation be?
- 4. What problems can you imagine are created by intervention, especially if frequently permitted?