

**Assignments (First Week of Classes)  
Legal Writing and Research I  
Fall 2009 – Professor Matthews**

Welcome to Florida State College of Law! Here are the assignments for the first week of our class.

***PLEASE NOTE: Legal Reasoning, Writing, and Persuasive Argument contains many “Exercises” and “Illustrations.” You are required to read the Illustrations in the assigned chapters. However, unless otherwise noted, you are not required to read or prepare the Exercises in the book.***

**WEEK 1: Aug. 24 – Aug. 28**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 25:**

**Topic(s):**

- Overview of American Legal System
- Reading Cases Critically

**Required Preparation for Class:**

- Read Course Syllabus
- Read Chapter 2 (pp. 9-22) – Legal Reasoning
- Read Chapter 3 (pp. 27-37) – Legal Reasoning

**THIS WEEK:**

- **Library Tour for certain students on Tuesday afternoon**
- **ICW computer training session after classes on Friday morning: 12:30 p.m.-1:15 p.m. (Room 103)**

**Library Tour at 1:30 p.m. for Students with Last Names: “A” through “L.”**

Attendance is mandatory. Meet at the Circulation Desk and make sure you sign the attendance sheet for the tour.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 28:** [NOTE: ADDITIONAL TRAINING SESSION AFTER CLASSES]

**Topic(s):**

- Rules of Law
- Role of Citation

**Required Preparation for Class:**

- Read Chapter 4 (pp. 51-64) – Legal Reasoning
- Read Chapter 5 (pp. 65-87) – Legal Reasoning

**\*\*\*\*\*12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. in Room 103 \*\*\*\*\***

**Topic(s):** Training session on the Interactive Citation Workbook (by Mr. Daniel Frazier, LexisNexis Representative)

**Required Preparation for Class:**

- Bring registered LexisNexis password to class
- Bring laptop to class