

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

Law and the Legal System

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Course Materials

Ramy, *Succeeding in Law School*, 2nd ed. (Carolina Academic Press 2010).

All other required materials will be distributed in class, emailed, and/or posted to Blackboard. Students are responsible for being aware of all announcements and materials posted throughout the course. Students are presumed to have received and read any emails sent to a Syracuse University e-mail account. The syllabus may be modified throughout the course and students are responsible for being prepared per the most recent revisions, postings, and announcements.

In-class Internet Use

Unless otherwise instructed, in-class use of the internet is prohibited. This policy is in place for the benefit of all students in the class.

Disability Policy

All students with disabilities who need academic accommodations should contact the Office of Student Affairs as soon as possible. Nothing in this syllabus should be read to preclude access to an authorized educational accommodation.

Class Recording

The recording of any portion of any class is not permitted without advance permission from the instructor.

Assignments

Please come to class fully prepared to discuss the readings for that day, along with any assignments.

Wednesday, July 31st

Introduction and goals of the program

Thursday, August 1st

Rule of Capture: *Pierson v. Post* (1805)
Ramy, Chapter I, pp. 41-45, pp. 65-70

Friday, August 2nd

Rule of Capture cont'd: *Liesner v. Wanie* (1914), *States v. Shaw* (1902)
Heidi v. Tim Writing Assignment – will be distributed in class.
Ramy, Chapter IV

Saturday, August 3rd

Property Rights in Wild Animals: *Mullett v. Bradley* (N.Y. App. 1898), *Manning v. Mitcherson* (Ga. 1882)
Ramy, Chapter V

Monday, August 5th

Escaped Animals cont'd: *E.A. Stephens & Co. v. Albers* (Col. 1927), *Kesler v. Jones* (Ida. 1931)
Ramy, Chapter VII

Tuesday, August 6th

Midterm

Wednesday, August 7th

Battery – Intent: *Garratt v. Dailey* (1955), *Spivey v. Battaglia* (1972), *Mcguire v. Almy* (1937),
Talmage v. Smith (1894)
Ramy, pp. 46-59

Thursday, August 8th

Prima Facie Case - Battery: *Fisher v. Carrousel Motor Hotel Inc.* (1967)
Prima Facie Case – Assault: *Western Union Telegraph Co. v. Hill* (1933)
Privileges and Defenses: *O'Brien v. Cunard Steamship Co* (1891), *Mohr v. Williams* (1905)

Friday, August 9th

Exam Writing Exercise/ Review
Ramy, Chapter XII

Saturday, August 10th

Final Exam