## Actual Syllabus for Mental Health Law Seminar: Fall 2016

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| Week 1 8/18 | INTRODUCTION: MENTAL DISORDER & FINANCING OF TREATMENT | Read following pages in Slobogin:¹  
  4 – top of 14 (skip “psychodynamic model” at 11-12)  
  15 (start at note 3) – 27  
  55 – top of 56  
  65 – top of 68  
  69 – top of 74  

Optional articles on TWEN:  
- Article: Common brain changes found in children with autism, ADHD and OCD  
- Tampa Bay Times: The WHO says being transgender is a mental illness — but that could soon change  
- Article: Is Workaholism a Mental Illness? |

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**Week 2**
8/25

**Mental Health Treatment:**
**Right to Institutional Care and Community Mental Health Services**

Read following pages in Slobogin:
- 1233-40
- 1244-46
- 1252-62
- 1264 (only Harvard Law Review quote)
- 1265-66 (only note 3)
- 1312-17 (to end of n.2)
- 1318 (Olmstead) – 1331

**TWEN (articles all short):**
- NAMI mental health resources in Gainesville
- Article: South Dakota accused of bias in confinement of sick and disabled
- Article: Justice Department Reaches Extension Agreement to Improve Georgia’s Developmental Disability and Mental Health System
- Article: After federal scrutiny Oregon plans to help mentally ill

**Week 3**
9/1

**The Insanity Defense**

Slobogin: Read 625-32, 634-48 (to end of n.1), 652-54 (note 3), 656-65 (to end of n.1)

Fla. Stat §775.027; Fla. Std. Jury Instr. (Crim) 3.6(a) (on TWEN)

**TWEN: three recent news articles on the insanity defense:**
- NPR: After Hinckley States Tightened Use of Insanity Plea
- NPR: With No Insanity Defense Seriously Ill People Wind Up in Prison
- NPR: Does a Psychopath Who Kills Get to Use the Insanity Defense?

Research
For extra resources, see Baker Act folder on TWEN  
Research and Outline |
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| Week 5 | CIVIL COMMITMENT: PARENS PATRIAE  
TOPICS & OUTLINES FOR RESEARCH PAPER DUE BY 10 A.M. ON MONDAY, SEPT. 12 | Slobogin: Read 854-88.  
Read Fla. Stat. §§ 394.467(1), 394.4655 (Baker Act)  
TWEN: Article on Florida outpatient commitment law  
Draft Paper |
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| Week 6 | LITIGATION RE: INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES  
STUDENT MEETINGS TO DISCUSS TOPICS/OUTLINES | Visitors: Kristen Lentz & Peter Sleasman, Disability Rights Florida  
TWEN: Amended Complaint, Settlement Agreement  
Draft Paper |
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| Week 7 | Voluntary Admission & Commitment of Children | Slobogin: 967-78 (top), 1018-35  
Fla. Stat. §§ 394.4625, 394.4784, 394.4785  
TWEN (in “children materials” folder):  
- Miami Herald: “Number of Miami-Dade students ‘Baker Acted’ on the rise”  
- “Throw-Away Kids” article 1  
- optional: additional Throw-Away Kids article from Sun-Sentinel  
Draft Paper |
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| Week 8 | Competency Constructs, Autonomy, & Competency to Proceed at a Criminal Proceeding | Slobogin: 1037-49 (mid), 1127-41, 1151-57 (top), 1159-68  
FYI (might not go over in class): Fla. R. Crim. P. 3.210-211; Fla. Stat. § 916.13; Fla. R. Crim. P. 3.212-213  
For extra resources, see competency materials on TWEN  
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**Visitors:** Judge Susanne Wilson Bullard of the Eighth Judicial Circuit Mental Health Court, Frank Owens of the Court Services Team, and Leah Vail of Meridian Behavioral Health

**TWEN:** Ursula Castellano, Problem-Solving Courts: Theory and Practice, 5 Sociology Compass 957 (2011)

**TWEN:** Michael Perlin, Representing Clients with Mental Health and/or Cognitive Impairments in Treatment Courts (2016)

**TWEN:** Bureau of Justice Statistics, Census of Problem-Solving Courts, 2012

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**Paper drafts are required reading each week (**email to class one week in advance of presentation**)**

Revise drafts and prepare for presentations