

**Professor Bard**  
**Spring 2020**  
**Law 5700-57JB(25010) Torts**

[Outline of Assignments for the Semester<sup>1</sup>](#)

*Studies in American Tort Law (SALT)* is our casebook. Some of the cases are relatively long and others are as short as a line or two. These are in a section called “Notes.” Law students sometimes ignore the “Notes” which follow the longer cases. Your reading assignments will be these cases and the Notes following it unless you have specific instructions to “skip” a Note.

Mastering Torts tracks the assignments in SALT. It is not hard to follow and after this I will not be listing specific pages. However, remember that if we are not covering a case in SALT, you do not have to read about in Mastering Torts. Let common sense prevail.

[Detailed Assignments for Week 1<sup>2</sup>](#)

**Monday January 13, 2020**

**Intentionally Inflicted Injury**

*Studies in American Tort Law (SALT)* , pp. 12-15, N.1

*Garratt v. Dailey*

*Vosburg v. Putney*, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vbD2FwsCfDg>

*Mastering Torts* pp 5-6

We will complete Case Briefing Template in Class, going forward, please have a case briefing sheet completed for each major (non-note) case.

I will review your case briefing sheets on the weeks you are on-call, otherwise there will be spot checking.

**Wednesday January 15, 2020**

**Proving Intent**

SALT pp. 49-58

*Mastering Torts*, pp. 15-18 (skip transferred intent for now)

**Thursday, January 16, 2020**

**Battery**

SALT pp. 67-73

*Noble v. Louisville Transfer Co.*

*Picard v. Barry Pontiac-Buick, Inc.*

*Mastering Torts*, pp. 22-23

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<sup>1</sup> You will receive detailed assignments on Canvas three-four weeks in advance.

<sup>2</sup> Always come to class prepared to answer the questions on the case briefing instruction sheet. Posted on Canvas

*AIX v. Ashland* (edited version in Module One on Canvas).

[Week 2](#)

**Monday, January 20, 2020**

**No Class—Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**Wednesday, January 22, 2020**

**Battery & Assault**

**Thursday, January 23, 2020**

**False Imprisonment**

[Week 3](#)

**Monday, January 27, 2020**

**False Imprisonment**

Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress

**Wednesday, January 29, 2020**

**Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress**

Defenses and Privileges to Intentional Torts

Self-Defense

**Thursday, January 30, 2020**

**Intentional Torts Assessment 1**

[Week 4](#)

**Monday, February 3, 2020**

**Negligence Chapter 5**

**Wednesday, February 5, 2020**

Careful, Chapters 1 and 2

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Careful, Chapters 3 and 4

Bard Reading Assignment Overview Torts 2020

Week 5

**Monday, February 10, 2020**

Negligence Chapters 5 and 6  
Careful, Chapters 5 and 6  
Wednesday, February 12, 2020  
Careful, Chapters 7 and 8

**Thursday, February 13, 2020**

**Liability for Negligence Assessment 2**

Week 6

**Monday, February 17, 2020**

Proving Negligence Chapter 6  
Careful, Chapters 5, 6, 11 and 12  
Wednesday, February 19, 2020  
Thursday, February 20, 2020

Week 7

**Monday, February 24, 2020**

**Proving Negligence Assessment 3**

**Wednesday, February 26, 2020**

**Factual Causation**

**Thursday, February 27, 2020**

**Factual Causation**

Week 8

**Spring Break**

**Monday, March 2, 2020**

**Wednesday, March 4, 2020**

**Thursday, March 5, 2020**

Week 9

**Proximate Causation**

**Monday, March 9, 2020**

**Spot the Negligence Assignment Due**

**Wednesday, March 11, 2020**

**Thursday, March 12, 2020**

Week 10

Defenses Based on Plaintiff's Conduct Chapter 16 and  
Joint Tortfeasors, Chapter 17

**Monday, March 16, 2020**

**Causation Assessment 4**

**Wednesday, March 18, 2020**

**Thursday, March 19, 2020**

Week 11

Chapter 10, Premises Liability

**Monday, March 23, 2020**

**Wednesday, March 25, 2020**

**Thursday, March 26, 2020**

Week 12

Strict Liability, Chapter 14

**Monday, March 30, 2020**

**Wednesday, April 1, 2020**

**Thursday, April 2, 2020**

**Liability Assessment 5**

Week 13

Products Liability, Chapter 15

**Monday, April 6, 2020**

**Wednesday, April 8, 2020**

**Thursday, April 9, 2020**

Week 14

Chapter 21 Misrepresentation

**Monday, April 13, 2020**

**Wednesday, April 15, 2020**

**Thursday, April 16, 2020**

Week 15

**Monday, April 20, 2020**

Last Class

Wrap-up and Review