Outline of Assignments for the Semester

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 it in Mastering Torts. Let common sense prevail.

Detailed Assignments for Week 1

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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1 You will receive detailed assignments on Canvas three-four weeks in advance.
2 Always come to class prepared to answer the questions on the case briefing instruction sheet. Posted on Canvas

Bard Reading Assignment Overview Torts 2020
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