**Poverty Law**

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LAW6812, Course #15617

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**First Week Assignments**

**MATERIALS**

Brodie, Pastore, Rosser, and Selbin: “Poverty Law, Policy, and Practice” (2014). ISBN-13: 978-1454812548. Available at the law school bookstore.

*Supplementary articles and cases are posted on TWEN as noted on the syllabus. TWEN readings are italicized in the syllabus.*

Please register on the course TWEN site and review the course syllabus.

## Week 1: Introduction to Poverty

**1/13:** What is Poverty? (1A) 1-19.*Assignment: Listen to: “A Snapshot of Poverty in America” on Planet Money at* [*https://www.npr.org/sections/money/2018/10/16/657879485/a-snapshot-of-poverty-in-america*](https://www.npr.org/sections/money/2018/10/16/657879485/a-snapshot-of-poverty-in-america)

**1/14:** Poverty in the United States. (1B) 25-42.

**1/15:** *Complete this online Quiz before class: “What’s your American Dream Score? At* [*http://www.pbs.org/wnet/chasing-the-dream/your-american-dream-score/*](http://www.pbs.org/wnet/chasing-the-dream/your-american-dream-score/) *(Note: you do not have to share your score and story online unless you want to, but take time to compare your score with others who have posted.)*

Economic Mobility (1C) and Living with Poverty and Law (1D) 45-57.

*In class: Listen to Current Trends in Social Mobility – Raj Chetty.* [*https://inequality.stanford.edu/publications/media/details/current-trends-social-mobility-raj-chetty*](https://inequality.stanford.edu/publications/media/details/current-trends-social-mobility-raj-chetty)