**First Day Assignment**

**PUBLIC DEFENDER FILED PLACEMENT**

*LAW 6942 Classroom/Lab (2 credits)*

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**Week 1- January 19**

* Introductions
* Syllabus Review
* Indigent Defense
* Criminal Legal System – Discussion: origin, barriers, remedies

**Assignment:**

**Watch: “13th” *(approx. 1 hr 40 min)***

If you have Netflix, GREAT!  It makes for better viewing.  If you do not have Netflix, you can watch the full feature on Youtube:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krfcq5pF8u8&t=299s (Links to an external site.)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krfcq5pF8u8&t=299s)

Please note that the film contains graphic images.  Please take care of yourselves while viewing it.  Call me if you need some assistance processing the content prior to our class discussion.

**Watch: Bryan Stevenson: We need to talk about an injustice**[**https://www.ted.com/talks/bryan\_stevenson\_we\_need\_to\_talk\_about\_an\_injustice** (Links to an external site.)](https://www.ted.com/talks/bryan_stevenson_we_need_to_talk_about_an_injustice)

**Read:**

* Criminal Practice: A Handbook for New Advocates, Introduction and Chapters 1-2
* “Careers in Indigent Defense: A Guide to Public Defender Programs,” Williams, Lisa.  [https://hls.harvard.edu/content/uploads/2008/07/2012pdguide.pdf (Links to an external site.)](https://hls.harvard.edu/content/uploads/2008/07/2012pdguide.pdf)
* “Cultural Revolution: Transforming the Public Defender’s Office,: Steinberg, Robin, Feige, David, Papers from the Executive Session on Public Defense (2002).  [https://www.bronxdefenders.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Cultural-Revolution-Papers-from-the-Executive-Session-on-Public-Defense.pdf (Links to an external site.)](https://www.bronxdefenders.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Cultural-Revolution-Papers-from-the-Executive-Session-on-Public-Defense.pdf)