

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND THE LAW
FIRST ASSIGNMENT

Spring Semester 2015

Describe, in one to two pages, a time in your life when you stayed in a situation or relationship (intimate, platonic professional) longer than you should have and the reasons you failed to leave.

YOUR ESSAY WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.
DUE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2015

Assigned Book: Elizabeth M. Schneider et al., *Domestic Violence and the Law: Theory and Practice* (3d ed. 2012) (hereinafter “**DV and the Law**”).

I. HISTORY OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LAW AND THEORY

- **DV and the Law:**
 - pp. 7-17
- Additional cases
 - *Harris v. State*, 71 Miss. 462 (1894)

******* SYLLABUS BELOW *******

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND THE LAW
COURSE SYLLABUS AND REQUIREMENTS

Spring Semester 2015

Atlanta's John Marshall Law School
Room TBA
Thursdays 4:00-6:00

Prof. Renata D. Turner
(404) 872-3593, ext. 251
rtturner@johnmarshall.edu

WELCOME!!

CLASS POLICIES

1. **Grading:** 50% of your grade will be based on class participation, reflection essays and courtroom observations and 50% will be the final exam.
2. **OFFICE HOURS:** My office hours are Mondays and Tuesdays 11:00 -12:30 and 2:00-3:00 or by appointment. If you wish to schedule an appointment, please send an email to rtturner@johnmarshall.edu
3. **Use of Computers:** Computers can be distracting and often diminish class participation; however, they will be allowed for taking notes or class related research only. Students caught doing anything else on their computers will be marked absent.
4. **Attendance:** See Section 601 of the Academic Code.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. **Complete all reading and other assignments, attend class, and participate in class discussions. Students will be called upon especially to explain cases in readings-be prepared to IFAC (my term) each case: Issue, Facts, Rule, Analysis and Conclusion.**
2. **Be aware of domestic violence in the news and media and be prepared to discuss current news topics.**
3. **Observe a TPO hearing at one of the metro area courthouses no later than April 14. Further details will be provided in class.**

FIRST ASSIGNMENT DUE WEDNESDAY, January 12, 2015.

REFLECTION ESSAY- Describe a time in your life when you stayed in a situation or relationship (intimate, platonic, professional) longer than you should have and the reasons you did not end the relationship. **YOUR ESSAY WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.**

COURSE SYLLABUS

Assigned Book: Elizabeth M. Schneider et al., *Domestic Violence and the Law: Theory and Practice* (3d ed. 2012) (hereinafter “**DV and the Law**”).

II. HISTORY OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LAW AND THEORY

- **DV and the Law:**
 - pp. 7-17
- Additional cases
 - *Harris v. State*, 71 Miss. 462 (1894)

III. UNDERSTANDING THE DYNAMICS OF ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS

- **DV and the Law**
 - pp. 44-64
 - pp. 77-82
 - pp. 87-95

IV. The Impact of Race and Culture on Domestic Violence Adjudication

- **DV and the Law:**
 - pp. 99-115
 - pp. 132-154
- **ADDITIONAL READING**
 - Susan Weitzman, “*Not to People Like Us*” *Hidden Abuse in Upscale Marriages* (2000).

V. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, IMMIGRATION AND ASYLUM

- **DV and the Law:**
 - pp. 903-919

,

VI. PROTECTIVE ORDER PROCEDURE AND THEORY

- **DV and the Law**
 - pp. 226-254

VII. EVIDENCE AND EXPERT TESTIMONY

- **DV and the Law:**
 - pp. 413-429
 - pp. 434-440
 - pp. 441-444

VIII. THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

- **DV and the Law:**
 - pp. 301-318
 - pp. 326-335
 - pp. 392-396
 - pp. 188-199

VIII. THE IMPACT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ON DIVORCE, CUSTODY AND OTHER FAMILY LAW ISSUES

- **DV and the Law:**
 - pp. 556-576
 - pp. 584-592
 - 594-604

IX. CUSTODY, VISITATION AND RELOCATION

- **DV AND THE LAW**
 - 610-640
 - 648-661

X. THE CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM AND BATTERED MOTHERS

- **DV and the Law:**
 - pp. 720-728
 - pp. 736-758
 - pp. 764-767
- **SUGGESTED READING**
 - Evan Stark, Nicholson v. Williams Revisited, 82 Denv. U.L. Rev. 691 (2005).

XI. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AS A TORT ACTION

- **DV and the Law:**
 - pp. 777-816

XII. THIRD PARTY LIABILITY AND DV IN THE WORKPLACE

- **DV and the Law:**
 - pp. 841-850
 - pp. 868-886
 - pp. 880-883
 - pp. 896-901

XIII. DOING THE WORK

- **DV and the Law:**
 - pp. 1039-1048