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CIVIL PROCEDURE II (B) – First Assignment

I will have a complete syllabus for you by the first week of classes, or just before then, but in the meantime, for the first class on Wednesday, January 14, you should prepare pages 413-440 of the Glannon Coursebook. In order to assist you with your preparation, I have created a video lecture highlighting key points from the text. After you have read the text, you should watch the video here: <http://youtu.be/krdNnQbxcRQ>. Then complete the Video Worksheet attached to this message (and also uploaded to Course Materials on TWEN). BRING THE WORKSHEET WITH YOU TO THE FIRST DAY OF CLASSES. I will collect them for 5 points (pass/fail - I will not be grading the content) toward the Quizzes & Assignments portion of your spring semester grade. As you will see, you should label your Worksheet with your name. I am going to try collecting any pass-fail scores by name this semester in an effort to ease administration.

For Friday, January 14, the assignment will be to prepare pages 440-467 of the text. I will also be providing some video links that you should review in conjunction with your preparation for that class. I will circulate those the first week of January.

See you in January. In the meantime, enjoy some time with family and/or friends, and rest up. There's work to be done in the new year!

***** WORKSHEET BELOW *****

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Civil Procedure II - Professor Taylor - Spring 2015
Worksheet for Video Lesson on Basic Pleadings

Read pages 413-440, watch the video at <http://youtu.be/krdNnQbxcRQ> then answer the following questions.

1. What are the main types of pleadings under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure?
2. What is the central provision of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure governing the content of a Complaint? And what Rule affords the primary mechanism for challenging the sufficiency of a Complaint?
3. Why does the substantive law matter in evaluating the sufficiency of a complaint?
4. Can a defendant challenge a complaint under Rule 12(b)(6) on grounds that the plaintiff is lying?
Circle one: YES NO
5. What are the two main types of challenges to the sufficiency of a complaint?