Legislation and Statutory Interpretation

Fall Semester 2015
[Tuesdays and Thursday, 10:40 a.m. – 12:05 p.m. • Rm. 208]

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Assignments for First Class Meeting

Required Texts:

WILLIAM N. ESKRIDGE, JR., PHILIP P. FRICKEY, & ELIZABETH GARRETT, CASES AND MATERIALS ON STATUTORY INTERPRETATION (2012) (hereinafter “casebook”);


Additional handouts and materials to be posted on TWEN as we proceed throughout the semester.

Course Web Page: I have set up a TWEN (The West Education Network) web page for this course. Please register on that web page as soon as possible by going to www.westlaw.com, signing on with your student password, first selecting TWEN from the menu at the lower left-hand side of the screen, and then on the TWEN page selecting the web page for this course. TWEN will then walk you through registration. You will need to supply an email address that you routinely check.

The assignments below are to be completed before our first class meeting:

(1) REGISTER for the Westlaw TWEN course that I have created for this class. TWEN access is available at http://lawschool.westlaw.com/twen/. (Should you have any difficulty using TWEN, please contact your student Westlaw representative. Please let me know should he or she prove unable to remedy any problems you may have.) We will periodically supplement the assignments from our textbook with readings from other sources, which will be available to you online, usually on TWEN.

(2) PREPARE AS FOLLOWS: In our first class meeting, we will examine the basic stages of the legislative process through the lens of an enacted statute. We will also review these stages
from a more general perspective. Finally, we will consider one commentator’s critique of current roadblocks (as he sees them) to effective legislative processes.

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