FEDERAL COURTS AND THE FEDERAL SYSTEM UC BERKELEY SCHOOL OF LAW, SPRING 2013

Required Materials:

HART AND WECHSLER'S THE FEDERAL COURTS AND THE FEDERAL SYSTEM (6th ed. 2009) (Fallon, Manning, Meltzer & Shapiro, eds.) ("H&W")

HART AND WECHSLER'S THE FEDERAL COURTS AND THE FEDERAL SYSTEM (Supplement 2012) (Fallon, Manning, Meltzer & Shapiro, eds.) ("Supp.")

I have asked the library to put on reserve copies of the Hart & Wechsler text. Because the H&W text is on reserve, I expect everyone to come prepared for the first class whether or not you have purchased the text.

Initial Assignments:

The syllabus is posted on the course bspace page and through the registrar's office. For the first class, prepare assignments 1 and 2A (replicated below). These assignments include a substantial amount of background reading, which may be read quickly. For the second class, prepare assignment 2B. The handouts for that assignment are posted on the course bspace page.

I. THE FEDERAL JUDICIAL SYSTEM AND THE FEDERAL JUDICIAL POWER

A. Background: The Origins and Structure of the Federal Judicial System

Assignment 1:

U.S. Const. Art. III; Art. IV, § 1; Art. VI, cl. 2 *Background:* H&W 1-36, 41-47 [skip footnotes]

B. The Nature of Federal Judicial Power

Assignment 2A:

H&W 50-58 H&W 80-83

Assignment 2B:

H&W 58-80

Handout: The Statute Involved in Marbury v. Madison

Handout: Who Decides?