Law 271.5

Environmental Law Writing Seminar
(Fall 2005)

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Time: Mondays 3:20-5:00

Course requirements:
1. Be an active member of Ecology Law Quarterly
2. Complete a series of research and writing assignments (ON TIME), culminating in preparation of a polished case or development comment (approx. 20 pages double-spaced) no later than December 22, 2005
3. Present your paper to your break-out group, and provide constructive commentary on other student papers
4. Submit your completed paper to Ecology Law Quarterly for consideration for publication in the Annual Review issue

Submitting Assignments:
Submit assignments to my assistant, Mary Elliott. You can give her hard copy in the ELP office, 362 Boalt.

Texts:

Syllabus

Class 1 – August 22

Introduction; Discuss Annual Review of Environmental Law; Discuss what makes a good student note or comment for this issue; Review topics list and discuss topic choice

Assignment for this class:
1. Review topics list
3. Find at least one student note or comment you admire, and be prepared to explain why
4. Read Volokh pp. 9-30

Assignment following class: Fill out topic preference form. no later than Thursday, Aug. 25, at 4 p.m.

Class 2 – August 29

Overview of Administrative and Environmental Law; Describe Background Paper and Pathfinder Assignments

Reading for class:

Assignment following class: Preliminary Research on Topic; Reporting of case / topic (3 - 5 pages). Due no later than Thursday, Sept. 2, 4 p.m.
Class 3 – September 12  
Research in Environmental Law and Natural Resource Law; Use of Sources

Reading for class:
1. Volokh 95-131

Assignment following class: Create a basic Pathfinder for your topic. Due Monday, 9/20, no later than 4 p.m.

Class 4 – September 19  
Breakout sessions – meet with advisor, module, and Professor Farber

Class 5 – September 26  
Organizing the paper; analytical perspectives

Reading for class:
1. Volokh, 31-43

Class 6 – October 3  
Breakout sessions – meet with advisor

Assignment following class: Outline due Thursday, Sept. 30, no later than 4 p.m.

Class 7 – October 10  
Breakout sessions

No Class – October 17  
Fall Break

Class 8 - October 24  
Bluebooking; style manual  
Cite-checking party

Class 9 – October 31  
Breakout sessions – meet with advisor, module, and Professor Farber

Assignment following class: First draft due by Thursday, 11/3, no later than 4 p.m.

Class 10 – November 7  
Legal writing; editing and revision

Reading for class:
1. Volokh, 69-94
2. Try the editing exercise at 94

Class 11 – November 14  
Presentations in breakout sessions
Second draft due to advisor, module members, and Professor Farber no later than the Friday preceding your scheduled presentation. One other student in your breakout session will be assigned to lead discussion following the presentation, but all module members should plan to spend 3-4 hours marking up the draft and preparing comments.

Class 12 – November 21  
Presentations in breakout sessions

Class 13 – November 28  
Explanation of ELQ submission and editorial process

Class 14 – December 5  
Presentations in breakout sessions

End of term – December 22  
Final polished paper due