

TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW
DOMESTIC RELATIONS LAW
FALL SEMESTER 2017
SYLLABUS-DOMESTIC RELATIONS-COURSE NO. 725

PROFESSOR A. WALKER

COURSE: DOMESTIC RELATIONS

SECTION: TWO

ROOM: 206

TIME: M.W. F. 3-3:50 p.m.

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REQUIRED TEXT: Family Law Cases and Materials 6th Edition; Judith Areen, Marc Spindleman, and Phiomila Tsoukala; Foundation Press; Texas Family Code-Latest Edition

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Domestic Relations is a (3) credit course (fall) which is designed to provide students with a complete and comprehensive understanding of family law particularly in Texas, as well as how it is practiced..

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

To provide students with a basic understanding of how family law has developed, particularly in Texas and the fundamental concepts of family law. The course will focus on marriage, divorce, division of marital property, adoption, custody, termination of parental rights, extended families, domestic violence, procreation and other issues relating to marriage and family.

To effectively present the legal and social problems associated with family law, the family law court system, and issues relating to marriage and family.

Grades are based on the following:

Midterm Exam	50%
Final Exam	50%
	Total 100%

***Office Hours:**

M. 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. and Wed. & Fri. 12:00-2:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE-Class attendance and participation is **mandatory**
(See Student Rules of matriculation for details on absences)

DOMESTIC RELATIONS

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>READING ASSIGNMENT</u>
Monday	August 21, 2017	Intro to Family Law
Wednesday	August 23, 2017	Pg. 17-24 & 28-31
Friday	August 25, 2017	Pg. 63-86
Monday	August 28, 2017	Pg. 87-122
Wednesday	August 30, 2017	Pg.122-151
Friday	September, 1, 2017	Pg. 151-178
Monday	September 4, 2017	Labor Day Holiday
Wednesday	September 6, 2017	Pg. 179-214
Friday	September 8, 2017	Pg. 214-248
Monday	September 11, 2017	Pg. 248-288
Wednesday	September 13, 2017	Pg. 288-317
Friday	September 15, 2017	Pg. 317-335
Monday	September 18, 2017	Pg. 335-357
Wednesday	September 20, 2017	Pg. 358-379
Friday	September 22, 2017	Pg. 379-398
Monday	September 25, 2017	Pg. 398-416
Wednesday	September 27, 2017	Pg. 416-438
Friday	September 29, 2017	Pg. 438-464
Monday	October 2, 2017	Pg. 464-488
Wednesday	October 4, 2017	Pg. 500-524
Friday	October 6,2017	Pg. 524-553
Monday	October 9, 2017	Pg. 553-595
Wednesday	October 11, 2017	Pg. 595-630
Friday	October 13, 2017	Pg. 630-666
Monday	October 16, 2017	Pg. 666-719
Wednesday	October 18, 2017	Pg. 719-750
Friday	October 20, 2017	Midterm
Monday	October 23 2017	Pg. 750-767
Wednesday	October 25, 2017	Pg. 857-880
Friday	October 27, 2017	Pg. 880-919

Monday October 30, 2017 Pg. 919-955
Wednesday November 1, 2017 Pg. 955-1001
Friday November 3, 2017 Pg. 1001-1049

Monday November 6, 2017 Pg. 1049-1105
Wednesday November 8, 2017 Pg. 1105-1161
Friday November 10, 2017 Veterans Day

Monday November 13, 2017 Pg. 1161-1222
Wednesday November 15, 2017 Pg. 1223-1249
Friday November 17, 2017 Pg. 1249-1300

Monday November 20, 2017
Wednesday November 22, 2017
Friday November 23-24, 2017 Thanksgiving Holiday

Monday November 27, 2017
Wednesday November 29, 2017

FINAL EXAMS DECEMBER 4, 2017 THRU DECEMBER 15, 2017
DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

***CLASS RULES:**

Absences: Per the rules of matriculation, students are allowed 5 unexcused absences.

Tardiness: Classes begin promptly at the scheduled time.

Participation: All students are expected to prepare for every class. Students are required to brief all cases assigned.

***ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES ARE NOT ALLOWED DURING CLASS. IF A STUDENT'S COMMUNICATION DEVICE DISRUPT CLASS, THE STUDENT WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE CLASS AND WILL BE MARKED ABSENT.**