

MEMORANDUM

TO: Torts Students (Section B)
FROM: David Weissbrodt
DATE: September 1, 2009
RE: TORTS

Please obtain the following at the Law School Bookstore: Donald Marshall & David Weissbrodt, *The Common Law Process of Torts* (2003) [hereinafter M & W].

Our first class will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, from 1:25 p.m. to 3:25 p.m. in Room 65. In preparation for this class, please read M & W 1-5 and please read carefully, *Case of the Thorns*, M & W 37-39.

You should try to understand each word in the case. In reading the case please consider who is suing whom for what? In what court is the case being heard? How do the procedures followed by the lawyers and the court frame the substantive issues presented in the case? How does the procedural context help to establish the facts and substantive conclusions of the case?

Please sit where you would like to remain for this class during the rest of the term in the assigned classroom – Room 65. I will distribute a seating chart on which you should place your name.

I would like to ask each student to prepare a short (no longer than one page in hard copy) autobiography and contact information. Please include your name, school year address, telephone number, and most importantly email address. You may also include such information as your place of birth, schools and colleges attended, reasons for attending law school, information you would like me to know, etc. Please submit your autobiography and contact information to my assistant, Julie Hunt (Room 417) (tel. 612-625-9566) by the day of our first class.

You will note that the Torts class is scheduled for five hours each week rather than the traditional four hours. The extra class will allow flexibility in handling make-up classes and dealing with certain material that requires two consecutive hours (with a short break). Indeed, there will be no Torts class during the week of September 14th through 18th as well as Monday, September 28th, but we will make up those classes as soon as we can.