EDUCATION LAW

Major Reading Assignment #1

It is always difficult to estimate how much reading we will cover in a given class session. Some topics require more depth and discussion than others and, although this need can sometimes be determined in advance, it may depend on the nature of the discussion and understanding revealed in a given class session. In addition, some classes will largely address problems as a way of checking understanding of prior reading materials and/or class discussions or may involve group discussion, which may cause little to no additional reading to be covered or, less likely, may involve lecture, which may allow us to cover more of the assigned reading than usual.

In looking over the materials that we will need to cover during the Fall semester, and recognizing that we will meet two (2) seventy-five (75) minute class sessions per week, my math indicates that, on average, we will need to cover approximately twenty-nine (29) pages per class session from the Kaufman & Kaufman (3rd Ed.) text and other supplemental materials.

Keeping in mind this twenty-nine (29) pages per class session average, and with the understanding that I will try to inform you at the end of each class and via email how much material we will likely cover in the next class session or two, the first reading assignment -- which is from the Kaufman & Kaufman (3rd Ed.) text, should take us through approximately our first month of class sessions, is in the page order in which you should read it, and, for the reasons described above, are not attached to dates certain -- is as follows:


My hope and belief is that your (1) reading of the assigned materials, (2) attendance and participation in class, (3) outlining of the reading and class discussions, (4) work on
any assigned problems and hypotheticals, and (5) discussions with me and your colleagues outside of class will be sufficient to support your comprehension and eventual mastery of the subject matter. If, however, based on your learning style, interests or needs, you wish to review additional materials concerning any aspect of the course, please let me know and I should be able to point you in the right direction.

One last point. Stay ahead of the reading assignments – but not by too much. Falling behind will leave you unprepared for class and may cause you to dig a hole from which you may not be able to get out. Conversely, getting too far ahead in the reading, although far less of an evil than falling behind, will cause you to either reread the assignment and your notes more times in order to be prepared for class (which is okay but may unduly multiply your work) or, failing that, not be prepared for class (which is obviously not okay).