

ASP – Constitutional Law (Prof. Steinman)
Spring 2007 – Semester Lesson Plan
Santa Clara University School of Law

Session #1

1. Skills Desired
 - a. Managing fear of Con Law w/ Steinman – especially being on call
 - b. How to read/brief for Steinman
2. Approach
 - a. Discussion about personal experience taking multiple classes from Steinman
 - b. Group activity related Problem #2 and USSC review of state court decisions

Session #2

1. Skills Desired
 - a. Outlining – How to integrate cases to understand Constitutional rules
 - b. Issue Spotting
2. Approach
 - a. Group outlining
 - i. 1 Group – Commerce Clause Cases (Integrating *Lopez*, *Morrison*)
 - ii. 1 Group – State Sovereign Immunity
 - b. Review prior Commerce Clause exam question to illustrate issue spotting using outline

Session #3

1. Skills Desired
 - a. Exam writing/issue spotting
2. Approach
 - a. Class outlining/discussion of *Youngstown*
 - b. Exam writing of problem raising *Youngstown* issue
 - i. Hand out have people work on it for ½ hour
 - ii. Have one other person in the group read the answer and give comments/ideas
 - iii. Have the group pool ideas about the answer and present that to the class

Session #4

1. Skills Desired
 - a. Issue Spotting/Outline
2. Approach
 - a. Group outlining of “Privileges and Immunities” and “Privileges or Immunities” clause
 - i. What is the focus of each clause
 - ii. What kinds of fact patterns would make you think of P&I vs. P OR I?
 - b. Apply outline to old exam question (TBD)

Session #5

1. Skills Desired
 - a. Integrating the class
 - i. What are the main topics covered
 - ii. Which ones are clear and which are unclear
 - b. Strategies for the Final
 - i. Why would you pick one constitutional challenge instead of another?
 - ii. What kind of facts would you look for each type of constitutional challenge?
2. Approach
 - a. Group charting activity
 - i. Major Constitutional topics and key cases
 - ii. Relate topics to each other
 - b. Outline answer for multi-issue exam problem (problem TBD)

Session #6

1. Skill Desired
 - a. Preparing for the Final
 - b. Managing Stress
2. Approach
 - a. Group discussion of old final exam (Fall 2006)
 - i. Some groups do problem 1 and present, other do problem 2 and present
 - ii. Review sample answer to problem 2 and suggest improvements