Evidence (LAW 222) – Professor Michael S. McGinniss

The required casebook is DAVID ALAN SKLANSKY, CASES, COMMENTARY, AND PROBLEMS (4th ed. 2016), and the required supplement is GRAHAM C. LILLY ET AL., PRINCIPLES OF EVIDENCE (7th ed. 2015) (includes an appendix with full text of the Federal Rules of Evidence, “FRE”). Please be advised that I have adopted a “No Laptops” policy for the Evidence course. You are therefore NOT permitted to use a laptop computer, iPad, smart-phone, or similar technology during our class sessions unless I have specifically requested or authorized you to do so. Please be aware that PowerPoint slides and Problem & Answer sets will be made available to you on TWEN prior to class for your advance preparations; will remain available after class for reviewing and helping you to organize your handwritten notes; and will remain available throughout the semester for your outlining and exam preparations. On Friday, January 5, via Campus Connection I plan to email to students registered for the course the password for accessing (on TWEN) the Syllabus and other materials of interest. which will at times include assigned readings.

Class 1
Tuesday, January 9
Introduction to Evidence Law; Relevance and Irrelevance
Casebook: 1-24
FRE: 101-105, 401-402

Class 2
Thursday, January 11
Probative Value and Prejudice; Conditional Relevance;
Introduction to Hearsay
Its Definition and Rationales
Casebook: 24-53
FRE: 403, 801(a)-(c), 802