First Week Assignments - Evidence

Evidence (Law 222): The required casebook is David Alan Sklansky, Cases, Commentary, and Problems (Aspen 4th. ed. 2016), and the required supplement is Graham C. Lilly et al., Principles of Evidence (West 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. 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, August 19, 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, August 23

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

Class 2
Thursday, August 25

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