**Federal Courts (LAW 267)** – Professor Michael S. McGinniss

The required textbook (“Text”) is James E. Pfander, Federal Jurisdiction (4th ed. 2021) (West Academic), and the required Casebook is Jonathan R. Siegel, Federal Courts: Cases and Materials (3rd ed. 2023) (Aspen Publishing). Bound and electronic editions of both books are available from the publishers. In addition, access to the Text is available to students via the Law Library’s subscription to the West Academic Study Aids database. If you need assistance with accessing that database, please reach out to either David Haberman (david.haberman@und.edu) or Jon Voigt (jonathan.voight@und.edu) in the Law Library.

You are welcome to use either a print copy or an electronic version of the Text and/or Casebook, as you may prefer. The final examination for this course will be closed book.

At about 9:30 am on Wednesday, August 21, via Campus Connection, I plan to email to students registered for the course the password for accessing (on TWEN) the Syllabus, certain materials that will be included along with the Text and Casebook in assigned readings during the semester, and other materials of interest. If you register for the course after 9:30 am on August 21, please email me at michael.mcginniss@und.edu (note spelling “ss”) to request the password.

**Class 1**

**Tuesday, August 27** Text: 15-26

**The Nature of the Judicial Function** Casebook: 3-23

Judicial Review and Its Justification;

the “Private Rights”-“Public Rights” Dichotomy

**Class 2**

**Thursday, August 29** Text: 36-43

**Justiciability: Standing to Sue** Casebook: 40-64;

Foundations of Standing Doctrine;Prob. 2-6 to 2-9 (p. 64)

Requirement of Injury