

Legal Research & Writing I, Section 2 (REQ 7123.02)

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Tu/Th 9:55-11:10, Oakes 208

First Day Assignments for Tuesday, August 26

Read:

- *A Lawyer Writes*
 - Introduction (pp. xxi-xxii)
 - Table 1-C (p. 12) – this is our roadmap for the semester
 - p. 15 to the top of p. 18 (skip “Legislative History”)
 - pp. 19-32
- *Researching the Law*
 - Chapter 2 (pp. 9-20)
(This reading overlaps with the readings from *A Lawyer Writes* a bit, but this one describes the types and hierarchies of authority with more nuance while *ALW* provides a higher-level overview.)
- An Issue of Sovereignty: <https://www.ncsl.org/quad-caucus/an-issue-of-sovereignty> (linked on Canvas)
- Excerpt: *June Med. Servs. v. Russo*, 140 S. Ct. 2103, 2134 (2020) (on Canvas).

To do:

1. Plan to attend a MANDATORY Teams-based **Westlaw** training session **on Aug. 25 (5:30 pm) or Aug. 27 (5 pm)** (details on Canvas).
2. Plan to attend a MANDATORY Teams-based **Lexis** training session **on Aug. 26 (5 pm) or Aug. 28 (5:30 pm)** (details on Canvas).
3. Install Microsoft 365’s Word (plus any other Office apps you’re interested in), free to you and available at <https://www.office.com>

For best results, install the Office desktop apps rather than using the web versions. Use the “sign in” button on Office.com and your VLGS credentials to access them.