CIVIL PROCEDURE: The Craft, Theory & Practice of Litigation
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Monday 9 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

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Course Requirements: You are expected to complete the assigned readings for each class, to attend class on time, and to participate consistently and meaningfully in class discussions, group projects, presentations and assigned case problems. Students who are more than 10 minutes late will be considered absent. Students with more than two (2) absences will not be permitted to sit for the final examination. Reading assignments will be dictated by the pace of class discussion. Accordingly, reading assignments will be posted on the TWEN course page weekly. This syllabus provides a general road map of course coverage. Modifications may be necessary.

Grades: Your final grade for the course will be based on your final exam performance at the end of the semester.

The use of any taping or recording device of any kind including but not limited to: Skype technology, video and audio recording, is strictly prohibited in class. Violation of this policy constitutes breach of the Georgia State Honor Code.
TOPICAL COURSE COVERAGE

PERSONAL JURISDICTION
The Origins
The Modern Constitutional Formulation of Power
Specific Jurisdiction
General Jurisdiction
Consent as a Substitute for Power
The Constitutional Requirement of Notice
Self-Imposed Restraints on Jurisdictional Power: Long-Arm Statutes, Venue, and Discretionary Refusal of Jurisdiction

SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THE FEDERAL COURTS
The Idea and Structure of Subject Matter Jurisdiction
Federal Question Jurisdiction
Diversity Jurisdiction
Supplemental Jurisdiction
Removal

THE ERIE PROBLEM
State Courts as Lawmakers in a Federal System
The Limits of State Power in Federal Courts
De-Constitutionalizing Erie
Determining the Scope of Federal Law: Avoiding and Accommodating Erie
Determining the Scope of State Law: An Entailment of Erie
READING ASSIGNMENT  CLASS 1 Monday 8/16: The Lottery

READING ASSIGNMENT CLASS 2 (Monday 8/18) & 3 (Monday 8/23): Yeazell pgs. 57-72 including Notes and Practice Problems.