Legal Research & Writing, Section 3

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Required Resources:
   Legal Reasoning, Research, and Writing for International Graduate Students, Nadia E. Nedzel

   Legal Writing: Getting It Right and Getting It Written, Mary Barnard Ray and Jill J. Ramsfield

Assignments for the First Day of Class on Tuesday, August 22:

Overview of United States (U.S.) Legal System

Required Reading:
   Nedzel, Chapter (Ch.) 1 “United States Common Law”

   U.S. Legal Reasoning, Writing, and Practice for International Lawyers, John B. Thornton,
   Ch. 3, “The Constitution and the U.S. System of Government” and Ch. 4, “The Three-
   Tiered U.S. Court System” (on reserve in Law Library)

Recommended Reading:
   Whose Monet? An Introduction to the American Legal System, John Humbach, Ch. 4,
   “Deciding Where to Sue: The Court System” and Ch. 7, “The Common Law”

   U.S. Legal Reasoning, Writing, and Practice for International Lawyers, John B. Thornton,
   Ch. 1, “A Brief History of the Common Law in the United States” and Ch. 2, “Similarities
   and Differences Between Civil Law Systems and the U.S. Legal System” (on reserve in
   Law Library)

Assignment Due: Sign up on TWEN course page (Legal Research & Writing – Daily) before our
   first class.

When you come to class, be prepared to write a few paragraphs describing the legal system of
   your country and comparing and contrasting it to the U.S. system.