Course Description

Administrative law, broadly speaking, is the law governing agencies — what they are, how they derive their authority, what kinds of actions they take and decisions they can make, how they operate (meaning the procedures they must follow), and how (and when and on what grounds) their actions and decisions are subject to review in a court.

Required Readings:

Gary Lawson, FEDERAL ADMINISTRATIVE LAW (7th edition)

- Assignments vary in length. They average 30 pages, but some assignments are considerably longer and some considerably shorter. They also vary in difficulty.

- The book contains a mix of materials — not only cases but also congressional and agency materials, historical materials, excerpts from scholarly pieces, and Lawson’s writing (often summarizing the origins of a doctrine, historical evolution in the law, or a difference of opinion on a doctrinal issue). You need to give all of it — not just the cases — your close attention.

- Some of the assigned reading does not need extensive classroom discussion, while other materials will need a fair amount of explanation. You will be responsible for all material assigned, even if we do not discuss it or we discuss it only in passing.

- I may from time to time supplement the reading with handouts in class, postings on TWEN, or material sent by email (to the email address for you that is listed in MyZou). You are expected to read and think about these materials, and they become part of the assigned material for the class. You must check TWEN and email regularly.

For Our First Meeting:

- Register for the course on TWEN. Complete the questionnaire on TWEN (even if I know you) and email it to me by 8am on the first day we meet.

- Read the preface (yes, really) and pages 1-9. I mean it about the preface.