Hi Product Liability Class!

We look forward to our class this year. We normally meet Mondays, 11:15 am-12:55 in classroom 5, and our first class will be Monday, January 28, 2019.

Attached is our syllabus – we have divided the class into 9 Sessions, and we will try to cover a session in each class period. We will not use a text book this year for this class – instead please read the cases, statutes and Restatement sections that are identified in the syllabus. All of these materials can be found on the Internet. If you would like to look at a good textbook on the subject, look at Products Liability, Cases and Materials, Fischer & Powers (5th ed.), which is available in the library. We would emphasize that it is very important that you read the materials for each sessions before class, as we will teach the class based on the assumption that you have already read the materials. The assignment for Monday, January 28 is the Session 1 material, and the assignment for Monday, February 4 is the Session 2 material, and we will go from there. There will be some Mondays when we won’t have class – check your email – and there have been a few times when the weather prevented us from coming to Columbia.

As you probably know, we are adjunct faculty – and are product liability practitioners in Kansas City. We graduated from the law school in 1983, and we have been teaching this class as adjuncts since 2008. Please call us by our first names, Roger and Sandy – and you can reach us by email at the following: rgeary@shb.com and sstigall@shb.com. Our firm is Shook, Hardy and Bacon, and the general phone number there if you need it is (816) 474-6550.

We’ll send out emails from time to time with updates regarding the assignments, and we can also answer any questions you have about the material in between our sessions by responding to your emails, which we are happy to do.
The final exam will be a summative/cumulative exam, closed book, multiple choice form, 50 questions. Our learning outcomes and objectives are:

Students will:
- learn the historical framework and public policy and practical considerations behind modern products liability law;
- become familiar with the required elements of and available defenses to various types of products liability actions, with primary focus on the Restatements (Second and Third) of Torts, Products Liability, and Missouri law;
- understand how complex litigation, including class actions and multi-district litigation, is utilized in products liability litigation;
- explore the effect of statutes, regulations and preemption in the products liability arena;
- gain practical knowledge useful to practicing in the area of products liability;
- gain knowledge relevant to answering products liability questions on the bar exams.

As you know, spring break week is March 25, 2019.

Thanks for signing up for our class – we look forward to meeting you and discussing product liability law with you!

Sandy and Roger