SCHEDULE OF ASSIGNMENTS WEEKS 1 – 3

My goals for the first three weeks are ambitious. We will cover ethical considerations and professionalism, the foundation for and overall structure of pretrial litigation, and initial pleadings (petition/complaint, answer, other responsive pleadings). Although I hope to finish all topics as listed below, we will complete all the topics by the end of Week 3 (September 9).

You should begin familiarizing yourself with the Missouri Rules of Civil Procedure (MRCP) Rules 42 - 44 and 50 - 71. You can access the MRCP and the Missouri Rules of Professional Conduct (MRPC) at www.courts.mo.gov under the rules and resources tab.

Other than the MRCP and MRPC, most assigned readings are on the TWEN page for this course under the course materials tab.

Note – Readings may be suggested, as one is below. What you do with suggested readings is up to you. Excellent lawyers are always learning by going beyond assigned readings. For example, for an aspiring serious litigator or trial lawyer I suggest reading Blindspot by Banaji and Greewald; The Hidden Brain by Shankar Vedantam; Blink by Malcom Gladwell; Thinking Fast and Slow by Kahneman.

**Week 1 Ethics and Professionalism 8/24 & 8/26**

Read: **For 8/24** MRPC Preamble, Scope, Rules 4·1.0 to 4·1.9, 4·1.18, 4·2.1, 4·3.1 to 4·4.4 and 4·4.8;

**For 8/26** TWEN: Jones Day Sanctions Order; Discovery Misconduct Order; Tedder v. American Railcar

**Week 2 Building Blocks of Litigation – Clients, Litigation Road Map 8/31 & 9/2**

No assigned readings at this time – focus on the MRCP relevant to petitions answers and motions in response to petition.