

Conflict and Conflict Management
Law 5450 Spring 2021

Required Texts:

Mayer, Bernard, **Staying with Conflict: A Strategic Approach to Ongoing Disputes**. (Jossey-Bass, 2009). ISBN 978-0-7879-9729-8. (hereinafter “M”)

- There are also book chapters and articles posted or linked to on the course CANVAS site. Those will be clearly indicated. One such source is **Dean G. Pruitt and Sung Hee Kim, Social Conflict: Escalation, Stalemate, and Settlement**, (3rd ed., McGraw Hill, 2004) (hereinafter “P&K”).

Course Website:

A course website titled **“2021SP 5450 Wells (01) Conflict and Conflict Management”** has been created for the course using the Canvas learning management system. It will be available, starting at or about one week before the first class, at: <https://courses.missouri.edu>. Access is by your university pawprint. All course materials, including slides, assignments, discussions, the course syllabus, etc. are available on this course website.

Readings and Activities for the first Module (i.e., the week of 1/19 and 1/21):

This week is an introduction to conflict. Before you do any of the readings regarding this, please participate in the discussion board titled “How Do You Envision Conflict?” in Module 1. Then read:

- P&K Ch. 1, pp. 1-13
- M Ch. 1, pp. 1-18

As for the schedule this first week:

- By the end of Tuesday, 1/19, post your answer to the discussion board prompt. Then do the reading for class on Thursday,
- On Thursday 1/21 will discuss the basics of course content and expectations and discuss your posts in light of the readings.

As discussed more fully in the syllabus, this class meets both asynchronously and via Zoom. Although it is scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2:00 pm, we typically will not meet as a group on Tuesdays. Instead, I will post the readings and slides for the entire week before Tuesday. Use the Tuesday class (if you want) to read the materials and digest them. There will be a discussion board or other short activity available most weeks in lieu of the Tuesday class. We will meet as a class on Thursdays.

Due to the Covid situation, we will have our first class meetings over Zoom rather than face-to-face.