COURTS AND SOCIETY  
Administration of Justice 103  
Spring 2003  
Mon,Wed 12:00-1:15 Room TBA

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Always feel free to contact me, please. I am more than happy to answer your question.

DESCRIPTION: Regrettably, Dr. Wong must leave midterm on medical leave. For the remaining 5 weeks of the term we will examine the basic steps of a criminal case, including arrest and charging, initial appearance and bail, preliminary hearings and grand juries, arraignment, discovery and investigation, pretrial motions including motions to suppress illegally obtained evidence, plea bargaining, jury trial, sentencing and appeal. Along the way, we will touch on some of the common characteristics of defendants and victims.


Other required reading will be handed out or made available for purchase as the course proceeds. Students are expected to complete the readings in advance of the class for which they are assigned.

GRADING SYSTEM: The grading system must and will remain the same as that under Professor Wong. Students' performance on this last segment of material will be evaluated by means of examination administered during the final exam period for this course: Thursday, May 15 from 9:45 AM to 12:00 Noon. As before, this last exam counts for 30% of the student's grade.

Those who have not yet turned in their chapter summaries must do so as previously assigned. Chapter summaries constitute 10% of the student's grade. Students who have written a summary of the chapter being discussed in class will be considered "on panel" to be active participants in class discussion.

Your class participation in this last third of the class will count for one-third of your overall class participation performance. As previously advertised, overall excellence in class participation can raise the student's final grade by one-third, e.g. from B+ to A-. For this final segment of the course, class participation will be evaluated based on attendance, attentiveness and participation in discussion, and performance on any pop quizzes or homework assignments, such as the sentencing CD exercises.

Extra credit papers, as outline in Professor Wong's syllabus, remain due on or before April 23, 2003.
COURSE SCHEDULE

Week 11:  Mon 4/14: Introductions; Arrest and Charging; Initial Appearance on Felonies; Bail; Portrait of a Defendant and Victim;
           Ch 10: pp. 247-256
           Ch. 9: pp. 220-229
           Ch. 11: All
           Handout: Sample Bail Schedule

           Wed 4/16: Preliminary hearings; Grand Jury Indictments; arraignment on felonies and misdemeanors
           Ch. 10: pp. 256-270
           Ch 18: p. 479-481 (particularly the box on p. 481)

Week 12:  Mon 4/21: Discovery, Defense Investigation, and Pretrial Motions, including motions to suppress illegally obtained evidence
           Ch. 12: All
           Ch. 14: 372-375
           Handout: California Reciprocal Discovery Statutes

           Wed 4/23: Plea Bargaining
           Ch 13: All
           Handout: Transcript of Change of Plea

Week 13:  Mon 4/28 & Weds 4/30: Trial, Jury Selection & Evidence
           Review Ch. 2: pp. 33-35
           Ch 14: All

Week 14:  Mon 5/5 Sentencing I
           Ch. 15
           Review Ch. 9: pp. 236-37 (box)
           Review Ch. 2: pp. 4, 42-43 (box) (forfeiture, restitution)
           Homework: Complete any 2 of 6 sentencings on CD that accompanies text.

           Weds 5/7: Sentencing II
           Ch. 16: All
           Review Ch. 15
           Handout: Cal Rules of Court, rule 420 (aggravation/mitigation)
           Discuss homework: sentencings on CD that accompanies text.

Week 15:  Mon 5/12: Appeals, Appellate Procedure and Writs; Review/Summary
           Ch. 17: All
           Review: Ch. 3: pp. 69-72; Ch. 4: pp. 95-97, 98-99

FINAL EXAM: Thurs 5/15 9:45 am-12:00 N