

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 (classes 10 of 30!!)

Today: *Session I—1101:*

- Career opp's cont'd: Where do you want to work? *Law office posts!*
- Resume & cover letter assignment!

Session II:

- Both: Follow-up on courts!
- 1103: Intro to CPLR; Causes of Action & Remedies!

For Th. Oct. 7:

- *1101*: 1st draft resumes due by email 8am!
- *1103*: Read C&W excerpts & CPLR provisions listed on OL!
- *Both*: Visit from Peer Mentor Oliver! *Midterm exam prep.*

Mon. Oct. 11: College is CLOSED! No classes for anyone!! *Happy Indigenous People's Day.* ☺

Tues. Oct. 12: NO class meeting! Just for us! *For 1101:*

- Quiz #2 on BB! *And* Remote assignment: cover letters!

Th. Oct. 14:

- *1101*: 1st draft cover letters due by email 8am!
- *1103*: Quiz #2 in class!
- *Both*: Review for midterm exams!

Tu. & Th. Oct. 19 & 21: MIDTERM EXAMS!

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1101 Intro: **What are a resume and cover letter?!?**

Résumé = clear and concise summary of one's employment and education history, relevant experience and skills. Can submit to a potential employer, in application for a position.

Cover letter = letter to potential employer stating that you are applying for position, and enclosing your resume. It "covers" your resume!

A good resume:

- is "positive" → *but TRUTHFUL!*
- is free from errors → **PROOFREAD** it!
- is one page if possible!

Both subjects: Follow-up on . . . U.S. (Federal) COURT SYSTEM!!

Highest appellate court = U.S. Supreme Court!! *in Washington DC*

- has appellate jurx over:
 - all US Circuit Courts of Appeals
 - highest state courts deciding federal questions

- original jurx over cases between 2+ states and "cases affecting Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls"
- 9 justices; Chief Justice = John Roberts

Most cases reach (get decided by) the US Supreme Court through a request for a . . .

Writ of certiorari = a party requests US Supreme Court to consider its appeal of a Circuit Court's decision.

- If Supreme Court **grants** the writ, that means it will consider the appeal.
 - That is, it **will decide** whether the Circuit Court's decision was correct.
 - It does NOT mean the requesting party has won!!
 - The Supreme Court still needs to decide the case. *So the requesting party could still lose.*
- If Supreme Court **denies** the writ, that means it **will not consider** the appeal.
 - The Circuit Court's decision stands, as is. *It remains the law!*

1103 Civ Pro: Intro to the CPLR!!

"New York **C**ivil **P**ractice **L**aw and **R**ules"

- A statute!! *Enacted by NYS Legislature* → **The Law!!**
- "User's manual" for civil cases in NY courts!
 - Procedures, deadlines, documents to file, etc.
 - Learn to find your way around it!! *DON'T try to memorize.*

CPLR § 104. Construction.

The civil practice law and rules shall be **liberally construed** to secure the **just, speedy and inexpensive determination** of every civil judicial proceeding.