LAW 1103/Civil Law and Procedure/Fall 2020/Coughlin

Midterm exam study suggestions!

The exam will address all material we have covered since the beginning of the semester!

You should review all class notes (especially your own, but also those posted on OpenLab); all assigned readings; all class exercises and homework assignments; and all quizzes!!

You are welcome to use the maps and charts of the court system, and the CPLR available through the NYS government website, all posted on OpenLab, while you take the exam!

You should focus your studying (but not limit it) to the following terms and concepts:

- what "civil law" means
- what "civil procedure" means
- the body of rules that govern civil procedure (full name and abbreviation)
- differences between civil and criminal law
- standard of proof in civil proceedings
- plaintiff
- defendant
- relief/remedy
- damages/recovery
- amount in controversy
- hierarchical court system (three tiers/levels)
- distinct roles of trial courts, intermediate appellate courts, and highest appellate courts
- NY and federal court systems, structure and jurisdiction
- certiorari
- jurisdiction
- the various forms of jurisdiction (e.g., geographic, subject matter, original, appellate, general, limited, concurrent, exclusive, personal ("in personam"), federal question, diversity, etc.)
- CPLR §§ 104, 302, and 3019 (including the meaning and purpose of each of them)
- non-domiciliary
- long arm jurisdiction / New York's Long Arm Statute
- due process
- minimum contacts
- who/what can be a "party" to a case
- what is a "claim" (or cause of action, or claim for relief, etc.)
- counterclaims and cross-claims

STUDY HARD!! Preparation is the key to success. ©