

**Tuesday, November 15, 2022** (class 21 of 30!!)

**Today:**

- **QUIZ #3!**
- Court visit plans!
- Sources of Law / Legal Research & Analysis!

**After the quiz:** Read the handout (a statute!). What is it about? *As best you can tell.*

**Next class** (Th. Nov. 17): Court visit! Meet 10am in N622. *Leave your stuff there!*

**For Tu. Nov. 22:** Really! Read textbook ch. 7, pp. 177-194 & 200-203 (legal research)!

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**Sources of Law** *continued!*

**Primary sources = "The Law"!**

**U.S. Constitution!**

\*\*Highest law of the land!

\*\*Includes amendments → *such as the Bill of Rights!* (first 10)

**Statutes** = written laws enacted by a legislature—*such as:*

- federal Affordable Care Act (Obamacare), Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) → by *U.S. Congress*
- New York Bail Reform Law, CPLR! → by *N.Y.S. Legislature*

**Administrative law** = rules, orders, decisions of administrative agencies

- *such as* N.Y.C. Dep't of Buildings, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), NYS Dep't of Labor
- *also includes* Executive Orders by Presidents and Governors

**Common law** = law set forth in decisions made by judges in cases that come before courts

- a/k/a "case law"
- *such as* Sussman v. Grado!
- collected in books called reporters
- *Stare decisis* = "Let the decision stand" → legal principle: courts are required to follow prior decisions (precedent)

**Secondary Sources = "About the Law"!**

- books and articles that summarize, interpret, or index (help you find) the law
- helpful in researching and understanding primary sources

**Examples:**

- **legal encyclopedia** = compilation of summaries of legal rules on various topics
- **digest** = compilation of short summaries of court decisions
- **annotations** = brief summaries of cases and statutes and how they are interpreted and applied