

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 (class 7 of 30!!)

Today:

- Details on Thursday's (optional) trip!! ☺
- Assignment: oral presentations!
- Intro to court decisions: the case reporting system!
- Quiz #1!

Th. Feb. 25: Tour of courts! ☺ (*Hopefully*) *no regular meeting.*

- Meet 10am at Atrium entrance to college!
- *OR* view remote option to be posted! "Reply" with a comment or question.
- Email me 3 dates for oral presentation by end of day!

For Tu. March 2! Re-read excerpts from ch. 3 (Court Decisions).

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Case reporting system = system by which court decisions selected for publication are organized.

**NOT all decisions are published!

- **YES** all U.S. Supreme Court and NY appellate court decisions are published.
- **But NOT all** lower fed. courts, nor all NY trial court decisions, are published! *Only those selected.*

"Reporters" = sets of books containing published court decisions.

- Also available online through electronic databases like WestLaw.
- "Unpublished" decisions also can be found on electronic databases, and on courts' websites!

Each reporter (set of books) contains decisions by **particular courts** (U.S. Supreme Court, N.Y. Court of Appeals, etc.).

- Most reporters are organized into several **series** (2d, 3d, etc.).
- Each series is organized into numbered **volumes** (books).
- Each volume is organized into **pages**.
- All of the above information is included in the **citation!**
- Decisions appear (generally) in chronological order!

Official Reporters = reporters published or approved by the government (state or federal).

**Where possible, cite official reporters in documents submitted to courts in that jurisdiction!