FIRST SYLLABUS FOR PHASES I & IIA through IIG

(Assignments for first six classes, to be covered on the in-class midterm in Week Seven, Tuesday, May 13th)

--References in regular font to “Carp” are to Carp, Stidham & Manning, JUDICIAL PROCESS IN AMERICA (2014 9th Ed. CQ Press). Unless page numbers are given, the reference to a Chapter is to the entire Chapter. (Page number equivalents to the previous 8th edition are sometimes given in italicized parentheticals.) For all Carp assignments, PLEASE PAY CAREFUL ATTENTION TO THE “FURTHER THOUGHT AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS” AT THE END OF EACH CHAPTER.

--References in regular font are to “Baum” are to THE SUPREME COURT (2013 11th Ed. CQ Press). Unless page numbers are given, the reference to a Chapter is to the entire Chapter. (Page number equivalents to the previous 10th edition are frequently given in italicized parentheticals.)

--References to “Smith” are to documents prepared by Professor Smith and handed out in the previous class and/or made available via the P Sc 104D webpage.

I. AN OVERVIEW OF THE STATE AND FEDERAL JUDICIAL SYSTEMS:
   History, Background and Functions

A. An Introduction to the Course and the Importance of Its Subject
   Introductory lecture

B. The Rule and Role of Law in America: An Overview
   Introductory lecture (covering portions of Carp, Chap. 1) [PLEASE “HIGHLIGHT-READ”¹ THIS CHAPTER AFTER THE APRIL 1ST CLASS]

C. The History and Organization of the Federal and State Judicial Systems: An Overview
   Introductory lecture (covering portions of Carp, Chaps. 2 & 3) [PLEASE

¹“Highlight-read” means to at least read any portions of a Chapter that you need to read to understand fully the points from that Chapter that I mentioned in class. In many cases, the points may be self explanatory, so that no additional reading within the Chapter is needed.
HIGHLIGHT-READ THESE CHAPTERS AFTER THE APRIL 1ST CLASS

[PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING FOR APRIL 8th.]

D. More on Procedures and Dynamics at the United States Supreme Court: An Overview
   Baum, Chap. 1, pp. 11-17 & Chap. 3, pp. 86-100 (equiv. to 10th Ed. pp. 11-16 & 85-100)

II. KEY FACETS OF JUDICIAL POLITICS: An In-depth Look

   Carp, Chap. 15

B. The Importance of, and Limits on, Judicial Politics and Policy-Making: An Initial Assessment
   Smith, "Additional Discussion Questions for 2nd Week Class" (available on class website)
   Carp, Annotated Constitution (pp. 425-462) [NOTE: “Skim-Read” clauses that help you answer the Smith Additional Discussion Questions] (equiv. to pp. 409-445 in 8th Edition)
   Carp, Chap. 4

   [This class will also highlight portions of Carp, Chap. 9. PLEASE “HIGHLIGHT-READ” THESE PAGES AFTER THE APRIL 8TH CLASS]

[PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING FOR APRIL 15TH.]

C. A Closer Look at Judicial Backgrounds, Selection and Other “Personnel” Matters
   Carp, Chap. 5
   Carp, Chap. 6

D. Other Players in the Judicial Systems: How Judges Interact with Other System Participants, Policy-Makers, and the Public
   Carp, Chap. 7
   Carp, Chap. 8

   [This class will also highlight portions of Carp, Chap. 10. PLEASE “HIGHLIGHT-READ” THESE PAGES AFTER THE APRIL 15TH CLASS]

[PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING FOR APRIL 22ND.]

E. Focusing More Specifically on the U.S. Supreme Court: Judicial Politics & Policy-Making, Justice Selection, and the Court’s Interaction with Other System Participants
Baum, Chap. 5
Baum, Chap. 2, p. 29 (equiv. of 8th Ed., p. 28) (Table 2-1) & pp. 49-65 (equiv. to 8th Ed., pp. 50-64)
Baum, Chap. 1, pp. 17-19 (equiv. to 10th Ed. pp. 16-18)
Baum, Chap. 2, pp. 28 & 30-34 (equiv. to 10th Ed. pp. 27 & 29-34)

[This class will also highlight portions of Carp, Chap. 11. PLEASE “HIGHLIGHT-READ” THESE PAGES AFTER THE APRIL 22ND CLASS]

[PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING FOR APRIL 29TH.]
Baum, Chap. 3, pp. 69-86 (equiv. to 10th Ed. pp. 70-85)

F. Decision-Making Patterns and Dynamics, Part 1: Starting “At the Top” with the U.S. Supreme Court

Baum, Chap. 4

[PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING FOR MAY 6TH.]

G. Decision-Making Patterns and Dynamics, Part 2: Trial Courts and Appellate Courts

Carp, Chap. 12
Carp, Chap. 13

[In-class midterm on above material: Tuesday, May 13th, 5 P.M. to no later than 7:30 P.M.]