

**To: Torts, Section B**  
**From: Professor M. Stone**  
**Re: First class meetings and readings**  
**Date: August 18, 2025**

Our first Contracts class meeting will be on **Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>** in **Room 424**.

The text for the course is Franklin, Rabin, Green, Geistfeld and Engstrom, *Tort Law and Alternatives* (11th Edition).

For the first day, please read pp. 1-6, including the case of *Hammontree v. Jenner*.

Then try to formulate answers for yourself to the following questions:

- *What jury instructions did the Plaintiff Hammontree request?*
- *Why is it important whether defendant Jenner believed it was safe to drive?*
- *What evidence was presented to show that Jenner did not act negligently?*
- *Why do you think the Plaintiff withdrew her negligence claim and waived closing arguments?*
- *What change in the law is the Plaintiff hoping to accomplish by appealing the case?*