Federal Law and Indian Tribes

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Required Texts
Getches et al., Cases and Materials on Federal Indian Law, 6th ed. 2011 (Getches)
Fall 2016 Teacher’s Memorandum (TM), available on the Turtle Talk Blog

Recommended Texts
Fletcher, Federal Indian Law (West 2016)

Turtle Talk Materials
Other materials listed in the syllabus, including the Teacher’s Memorandum, are available on the Turtle Talk blog (http://turtletalk.wordpress.com/)

Assignments
Class #1 (8/29) – Introduction – Indian Law Origins and Johnson v. M’Intosh
   Getches Chapter 1 (skim)
   Getches Chapter 2
Class #2 (8/31) – The Cherokee Cases and the Treaty Period
   Getches Chapter 3A-3D
Class #3 (9/7) – Allotment and Reorganization
   Getches Chapter 3E; 4A-B
Class #4 (9/12) – Termination and Self-Determination
   Getches Chapter 4C-4D
Class #5 (9/14) – Tribal Property
   Getches Chapter 5A + TM 3-7
Class #6 (9/19) – **The Federal-Tribal Relationship**
Getches Chapter 5B-5C + TM 8-35

Class #7 (9/21) – **Tribal Sovereignty and Martinez**
Getches Chapter 6A-6C + TM 36

Class #8 (9/26) – **Sovereign Immunity and Tribal Justice Systems, Part 1**
Getches Chapter 6D-6E + TM 36-49

Class #9 (9/28) – **Tribal Justice Systems, Part 2**
Supplemental Tribal Law Materials (see Turtle Talk)

Class #10 (10/3) – **“Indian Country”**
Getches Chapter 7A-7B + TM 50-62

Class #11 (10/5) – **Divestiture**
Getches Chapter 7C-7D

No class 10/10

Class #12 (10/12) – **Civil Adjudicatory Jurisdiction, Part 1**
Getches Chapter 8A + TM 63-70

Class #13 (10/17) – **Civil Adjudicatory Jurisdiction, Part 2**
Supplemental Civil Jurisdiction Materials (see Turtle Talk)

Class #14 (10/19) – **Taxation and Regulation**
Getches Chapter 8B-8C + TM 70-74

Class #15 (10/24) – **Indian Child Welfare Act**
Getches Chapter 8D + TM 74-93

Class #16 (10/26) – **Indian Gaming**
Getches Chapter 9 Intro and 9B + TM 64-96

Class #17 (10/31) – **Indian Religion and Culture**
Getches Chapter 10 + TM 97-98

Class #18 (11/2) – **Water Rights**
Getches Chapter 11

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Class #19 (11/7) – **Hunting and Fishing Rights**
Getches Chapter 12 + TM 99-101

Class #20 (11/9) – Alaska
Getches Chapter 13A

Class #21 (11/14) – Hawai’i
Getches Chapter 13B

Class #22 (11/16) – International and Comparative Perspectives
Getches Chapter 14

Class #23 (11/28) – Michigan Indians
Supplemental Materials on Michigan Indians (see Turtle Talk)

Class #24 (11/30) – TBD
Supplemental Materials (see Turtle Talk)

Class #25 (12/5) – TBD
Supplemental Materials (see Turtle Talk)

Class #26 (12/7) – Review Session