# Federal Law and Indian Tribes

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## **Required Texts**

Getches et al., Cases and Materials on Federal Indian Law, 7th ed. 2017 (Getches) 2017-2018 Teacher's Memorandum (TM), available on the Turtle Talk Blog

#### **Recommended Texts**

Fletcher, Federal Indian Law (West 2016) or Fletcher, Principles of Federal Indian Law (West 2017)

### **Turtle Talk Materials**

Other materials listed in the syllabus, including the Teacher's Memorandum, are available on the Turtle Talk blog (<a href="http://turtletalk.wordpress.com/">http://turtletalk.wordpress.com/</a>)

### **Assignments**

- Class #1 (8/28) **Introduction Indian Law Origins and** *Johnson v. M'Intosh*Getches Chapter 1
  - Getches Chapter 2
- Class #2 (8/30) Trade & Intercourse Acts, *The Cherokee Cases*, and the Treaty Period

Getches Chapter 3A-3D

Class #3 (9/6) – Allotment and Plenary Power

Getches Chapter 3E; 4A

Class #4 (9/11) – **Reorganization, Termination, and Self-Determination**Getches Chapter 4B-4D

Class #5 (9/13) – **Negotiation Exercise** 

Class #6 (9/18) – **Tribal Property** 

Getches Chapter 5A

Class #7 (9/20) – The Federal-Tribal Relationship

Getches Chapter 5B-5C

Class #8 (9/25) – *Carcieri* Exercise

TM 2-5 + Cert stage briefs in case TBA

No class 9/27/17

Class #9 (10/2) – **Tribal Sovereignty and Martinez** 

Getches Chapter 6A-6C

Class #10 (10/4) – Sovereign Immunity and Tribal Justice Systems

Getches Chapter 6D-6E + TM 16-18

Class #11 (10/9) – **Labor Relations Exercise** 

TM 6-12 + Fletcher/Fort/Singel Article

Class #12 (10/11) – "Indian Country" and Federal Criminal Jurisdiction

Getches Chapter 7A-7B

Class #13 (10/16) – State and Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction

Getches Chapter 7C-7D

Class #14 (10/18) – Civil Regulatory Jurisdiction

Getches Chapter 8A

Class #15 (10/23) – Civil Adjudicatory Jurisdiction

Getches Chapter 8B

Class #16 (10/25) – **DAPL Exercise** 

TM 12-15 + materials TBA

Tribal In-House Counsel Association Conference 10/26-27/17

Attendance at Two Panels Mandatory

Class #17 (10/30) – **Preemption** 

Getches Chapter 8C

Class #18 (11/1) – Indian Child Welfare Act

Getches Chapter 8D

Class #19 (11/6) – Indian Gaming

Getches Chapter 9

Class #20 (11/8) – Indian Religion and Culture

Getches Chapter 10

No class 11/13/17

Class #21 (11/15) – Bears Ears Exercise

TM 19-21 + materials TBA

#### Fall break

Class #22 (11/27) – **Water Rights** 

Getches Chapter 11 + Agua Caliente Materials

Class #23 (11/29) – Hunting and Fishing Rights

Getches Chapter 12

Class #24 (12/4) – **Alaska** 

Getches Chapter 13A

Class #25 (12/6) – **Hawai'i** 

Getches Chapter 13B

Class #26 (12/7) – International and Comparative Perspectives

Getches Chapter 14

Review Session TBD