Students should have the following texts for this class:

The Buffalo Creek Disaster  
Silberman & Stein, Civil Procedure: Theory and Practice (2001)  
A 2005 Update is available from my assistant, Richard Kelsey, in Vanderbilt 314.  

Students should begin reading the book, “The Buffalo Creek Disaster”, which will be part of the backdrop for our class discussions during the semester. In addition, for the first class on Wednesday, August 31, please read pp. 1-19 (up to subparagraph b) and pp. 576-580 in the Silberman & Stein casebook. Also read pp. 55-69, which includes the first principal case, *Rose v. Giamatti*. And in connection with the *Rose* case, review the following provisions in the Yeazell Rules Supplement:  
Article III of the Constitution (pp. 260-61)  
28 U.S.C. §1332 (a)(b)(c) (pp. 313-14)  