

Agenda Economics Institute for Judges

Friday, March 1 through Friday, March 8, 2024

Friday, March 1

Travel day; participants arrive at their leisure

Saturday, March 2

7:00 – 7:50 am Breakfast & Registration

(Registered guests welcome)

8:00 – 9:15 am Class 1: The Economic Perspective: Incentives Matter

Donald J. Kochan, Professor of Law and Executive Director, Law & Economics Center,

George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School

Reading Assignment:

HENRY N. BUTLER ET. AL, Chapter I: The Economics Perspective: Incentives Matter, in

ECONOMIC ANALYSIS FOR LAWYERS 3-53 (3rd ed. 2014).

9:15 – 9:30 am Break

9:30 – 10:45 am Class 2: Fundamentals of a Market Economy and Economic Growth

Donald J. Boudreaux, Senior Fellow, FA Hayek Program for Advanced Study in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics and Martha and Nelson Getchell Chair for the Study of Free Market

Capitalism, Mercatus Center; Professor of Economics, George Mason University

Reading Assignment:

Deidre Nansen McCloskey, How Growth Happens: Liberalism, Innovism, and the Great

Enrichment, Economic History Seminar at Northwestern University (2018).

Paul G Mahoney, The Common Law and Economic Growth: Hayek Might Be Right, 30 J. OF

LEGAL STUDIES 503 (2001).

10:45 – 11:00 am Break

11:00 am – 12:15 pm Class 3: Supply, Demand, and Mutually–Beneficial Exchange

J. Shahar Dillbary, Professor of Law; Associate Dean for Faculty Research, George Mason

University Antonin Scalia Law School

Reading Assignment:

HENRY N. BUTLER ET. AL, Chapter II: Markets and the Price System, in ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

FOR LAWYERS 55-79, (3rd ed. 2014).

Case Discussion:

Peevyhouse v. Garland Coal & Mining Co., 382 P.2d 109 (Okla. 1962): 69-73.

12:15 – 6:30 pm Afternoon Study Session

6:30 – 9:00 pm Opening Reception and Dinner

(Registered guests welcome)

The History of the Law & Economics Center

Sunday, March 3

7:00 – 7:50 am **Breakfast**

(Registered guests welcome)

8:00 – 9:15 am Class 4: Market Dynamics | Dillbary

Reading Assignment:

HENRY N. BUTLER ET. AL, *Chapter II: Markets and the Price System, in* ECONOMIC ANALYSIS FOR LAWYERS 62-72, 89-108 (3rd ed. 2014).

Case Discussion:

Competitive Enterprise Institute v. NHTSA, 956 F.2d 321 (1992): 89-98.

9:15 – 9:30 am Break

9:30 – 10:45 am Class 5: Markets in Action | Dillbary

Reading Assignment:

HENRY N. BUTLER ET. AL, *Chapter II: Markets and the Price System, in* ECONOMIC ANALYSIS FOR LAWYERS 62-72, 89-108 (3rd ed. 2014).

Case Discussion:

Complaint, State v. Medina (Fla. Cir. Ct. 2005).

M. Kraus & Bros., Inc. v. United States, 327 U.S. 614 (1945): 99-104.

10:45 – 11:00 am Break

11:00 am – 12:15 pm Class 6: Risk, Injury, and Liability

Erin E. Meyers, Assistant Professor of Law, George Mason University Antonin Scalia

Law School

Reading Assignment:

HENRY N. BUTLER, ET AL., Chapter VI: Risk, in ECONOMIC ANALYSIS FOR LAWYERS 291-361

(3rd ed. 2014).

Case Discussion:

United States v. Carroll Towing Co., 159 F.2d 169 (1947): 328–335.

12:15 pm Adjourn for Day: Afternoon Study Session

Monday, March 4

7:00 – 7:50 am **Breakfast**

(Registered guests welcome)

8:00 – 9:15 am Class 7: Labor Markets – Risk, Injury, and Compensating Wage Differentials | Meyers

Reading Assignment:

HENRY N. BUTLER, ET AL., Chapter VIII: Labor Markets, in Economic Analysis for Lawyers

421-477 (3rd ed. 2014) (skim).

9:15 – 9:30 am Break

9:30 – 10:45 am Class 8: Public Choice Economics

Todd J. Zywicki, George Mason University Foundation Professor of Law, George Mason

University Antonin Scalia Law School

Reading Assignment:

HENRY N. BUTLER, ET AL., Chapter III: The Legislative Process and the Courts and Chapter IX: Market Structure and Antitrust, in Economic Analysis for Lawyers 130-147, 517-523 (3rd ed. 2014).

Case Discussion:

City of Columbia v. Omni Outdoor Advertising, Inc., 499 U.S. 365 (1991): 137-142. West Lynn Creamery, Inc. v. Healy, 512 U.S. 186 (1994): 142-147.

10:45 - 11:00 am Break

11:00 am – 12:15 pm Class 9: Property Rights, Externalities, and the Coase Theorem | Meyers

Reading Assignment:

HENRY N. BUTLER, ET AL., Chapter I: The Economics Perspective: Incentives Matter and Chapter IV: Externalities, in Economic Analysis for Lawyers 17-32, 185-229 (3rd ed. 2014).

Case Discussion:

Matthews v. Wozencraft, 15 F.3d 432 (5th Cir. 1994).

12:15 pm Adjourn for Day: Afternoon Study Session

Tuesday, March 5

7:00 – 7:50 am **Breakfast**

(Registered guests welcome)

8:00 - 9:15 am Class 10: Property Rights and Exchange | Meyers

Reading Assignment:

HENRY N. BUTLER, ET AL., Chapter I: The Economics Perspective: Incentives Matter and Chapter IV: Externalities, in Economic Analysis for Lawyers 17-32, 185-229 (3rd ed. 2014).

Case Discussion:

Fontainebleau Hotel Corp. v. Forty-Five Twenty-Five, Inc., 114 So. 2d 357 (1959): 30-33. Spur Industries, Inc. v. Del E. Webb Development Co., 494 P.2d 700 (1972): 213-217.

9:15 – 9:30 am Break

9:30 – 10:45 am Class 11: Economics of Information

John M. Yun, Associate Professor of Law, George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School

Reading Assignment:

HENRY N. BUTLER, ET AL., *Chapter V: Information Costs and Transaction Costs, in* ECONOMIC ANALYSIS FOR LAWYERS 233-263 (3rd ed. 2014).

10:45 – 11:00 am Break

11:00 am - 12:15 pm Class 12: Competition and Monopoly | Yun

Reading Assignment:

HENRY N. BUTLER, ET AL., Chapter IX: Market Structure and Antitrust, in Economic Analysis For Lawyers 481-562 (3rd ed. 2014) (skim entire chapter).

12:15 pm Adjourn for Day: Afternoon Study Session

Wednesday, March 6

7:00 – 7:50 am **Breakfast**

(Registered guests welcome)

8:00 – 9:15 am Class 13: Cartels and Predatory Pricing | Yun

Reading Assignment:

HENRY N. BUTLER, ET AL., Chapter 1: The Economics Perspective: Incentives Matter, in

ECONOMIC ANALYSIS FOR LAWYERS 45-51 (3rd ed. 2014).

Case Discussion:

Matsushita Elec. Indus. Co. v. Zenith Radio Corp., 475 U.S. 574 (1986): 12-17, 515-517.

9:15 – 9:30 am Break

9:30 – 10:45 am Class 14: The Welfare Costs of Tariffs, Monopolies, and Theft | Boudreaux

Reading Assignment:

HENRY N. BUTLER, ET AL., Chapter III: The Legislative Process and the Courts and Chapter IX:

Market Structure and Antitrust, in Economic Analysis for Lawyers 130-147, 517-523 (3rd

ed. 2014).

10:45 - 11:00 am Break

11:00 am – 12:15 pm Class 15: Insurance | Zywicki

Reading Assignment:

HENRY N. BUTLER, ET AL., Chapter VI: Risk, in Economic Analysis for Lawyers 291-361

(3rd ed. 2014).

Case Discussion

Atwater Creamery Co. v. Western National Mutual Insurance Co., 366 N.W. 2d 271 (1985):

304-308.

Greenman v. Yuba Power Products, Inc., 377 P.2d 897 (1963): 335-337.

12:15 pm Adjourn for Day: Afternoon Study Session

Thursday, March 7

7:00 – 7:50 am **Breakfast**

(Registered guests welcome)

8:00 – 9:15 am Class 16: Review: Fundamental Principles of Economics | Boudreaux

Reading Assignment:

Armen Alchian, Property Rights, CONCISE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ECON. (2008).

David R. Henderson, *Demand*, CONCISE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ECON. (2008).

Steven E. Rhoads, Marginalism, CONCISE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ECON. (2008).

Michael Munger, Division of Labor, CONCISE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ECON. (2008).

Donald J. Boudreaux, Comparative Advantage, Concise Encyclopedia of Econ. (2008).

Donald J. Boudreaux, *Information and Prices*, Concise Encyclopedia of Econ. (2008).

9:30 – 10:45 am Class 17: Agency Costs and Contracting | Zywicki

Reading Assignment:

HENRY N. BUTLER, ET AL., Chapter V: Information Costs and Transaction Costs, in Economic

ANALYSIS FOR LAWYERS 241-263 (3rd ed. 2014).

Case Discussion:

Bloor v. Falstasff Brewing Corp., 601 F.2d 609 (1979).

10:45 – 11:00 am Break

11:00 – 12:15 pm Class 18: Corporate Governance | Zywicki

Reading Assignment:

HENRY N. BUTLER, ET AL., Chapter V: Information Costs and Transaction Costs, in Economic

ANALYSIS FOR LAWYERS 266-290 (3rd ed. 2014).

Case Discussion:

Kamin v. American Express Co., 383 N.Y.S.2d 807 (1976): 274-277.

12:15 – 6:30 pm Afternoon Break

6:30 – 7:30 pm Closing Reception

(Registered guests welcome)

Friday, March 8

Travel day; participants depart at their leisure