This is the first and second assignments for Professor Alexia Marks’ torts class:

1. **Watch out, HOT COFFEE!!!**
   Competing Perspectives on Tort Law and “Top Counsel” class exercise
   Tuesday August 23

   *The McDonalds Hot Coffee Case: available at*

   And *Perspectives on Tort Law (attachment)*

   Assignment: Read the 5 legal perspectives and the McDonalds case. For this first class, we will apply the perspectives to the McDonalds case. For class, please write six short arguments for the plaintiff and six short arguments for the defendant using each and of the legal perspectives. You should come to class prepared to briefly argue the plaintiffs/defendants side from a law and economics perspective, a corrective justice perspective and so on. **Relax, you will not be turning in this assignment; we will be discussing these arguments in class**

2. **Example of a Tort Suit**
   Thursday August 25
   *Casebook pp. 3-31 (skim 32-46)*
   *Stages of Civil Litigation: available at*
   [http://www4.samford.edu/schools/netlaw/dh2/casetutorial/Figure1.htm](http://www4.samford.edu/schools/netlaw/dh2/casetutorial/Figure1.htm)