The reading assignments appear in two books: Rusch & Sepinuck, Problems and Materials on Secured Transactions (West 2d ed. 2010) (hereafter "Text") and Mann, Warren & Westbrook, Comprehensive Commercial Law 2011 Statutory Supplement (Wolters Kluwer) (hereafter, "Statutory Supplement").* If any additional reading materials are required, I will provide them to you in class.

There will be a Secured Transactions course TWEN page that will contain a copy of the Syllabus with reading assignments for the entire semester. That TWEN page should be ready, with the Syllabus, by the end of the day on Tuesday, January 17.

The first two reading assignments are below:

**For Wednesday, January 18**

Please read pp. 1 - 22 in the Text. There is a LOT OF INFORMATION here. This information is helpful background for the material we will be covering over the course of the semester. You are not expected to master all of this information! We will review Problem 1-1 (p. 9 of Text) briefly in class, but we will not spend a lot of time on it. You should look up the FDCPA definitions of “debt” and “debt collector” using the federal statutory cites provided in the text that precedes the problem. You can find those statutes electronically if you wish. You can also find them under the “Fair Debt Collection Practices Act” heading in the federal statutes that are collected towards the end of the Statutory Supplement.

**For Thursday, January 19**

Please read pp. 22 - 42 in the Text. More background information. FYI, we will review Problem 1-2 (p. 25 of Text, Michigan statute only) briefly in class, but we will not spend a lot of time on it.

*Note: If you took a class last year for which you purchased a recent commercial law supplement (e.g., Sales, Payment Systems, Debtor-Creditor), you may be able to use that supplement instead of the one I listed above. See me with any questions.*