

## Assignment 1 - Statute Basics

**This assignment is due at the beginning of class on Friday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**Answer the following questions for both public laws: 109-453 and 109-464. Copies of both laws are included in the class handouts from last Friday, which are also available on the class web page. They are also available at [thomas.loc.gov](http://thomas.loc.gov) .**

1. Which bill became the public law?
2. What is the short title of the Act?
3. Where in the U.S.C. is the language of this public law codified?
4. Is Sec. 1 of this public law freestanding or amendatory?
5. If freestanding, what code sections did it add to the U.S.C.? If amending, what does it amend?
6. If amending, what is it amending and why is the public law amending what it says it amends?
7. If amending, identify the type of amending process is being used? See class notes and handouts for the different types of amendatory legislation.

**Use Public L. 109-453 to answer the following questions:**

1. Sec. 1(e) says that “[s]ection 205(f) of the Act...” is amended. In which source will you find the positive law version of section 205(f)?
2. If section 205(f) refers to a section 205(f) found in the U.S.C., in which title and/or section of the public law is it located? If section 205(f) refers to a section number found in a public law, where is it codified in the U.S.C.?
3. Where is this Act (109-453) codified in the U.S.C.? List all titles and sections of the Code. How did you determine your answer to this question?
4. Identify where the language from Sec. 1(c) is codified and locate in the Code; when was this section created?

**Use public L. 109-464 to answer the following questions:**

1. Sec. 1(a) of this public law references “Chapter 67 of title 18...” In which source can this chapter and title be located? A public law or the U.S.C.?

2. Is the language found in Public L. 109-464 positive law or is the language found in the U.S.C. where Pub. L. 109-464 is codified positive law? Explain how you arrived at your answer.
3. Where is this Act (109-464) codified in the U.S.C.? List all titles and sections of the code.
4. Identify where the language from Sec. 1(a) of this Act is codified and locate in the Code; when was this section created?