Damages Recap

In-Class Exercise

Oral argument: Appealing a Punitive Damages Award

Two Legal Tests

State Farm

Anything outside of single digit ratio of punitive to compensatory damages is presumed unreasonable.

BMW v. Gore

- 1. Reprehensibility
- 2. Disparity between compensatory and punitive damages
- 3. Difference between punitive damages and civil penalties

Other Remedies

Nominal damages & declaratory judgment

Equitable relief

Outlining

Goals for reading cases

- 1. Grasp the internal logic and mechanics of the case.
- 2. Synthesize within a broader context.

Goals for outlining

Creating and studying an outline should help you to:

- 1. Spot issues on the exam
- 2. Resolve issues methodically and comprehensively

Outline for damages