

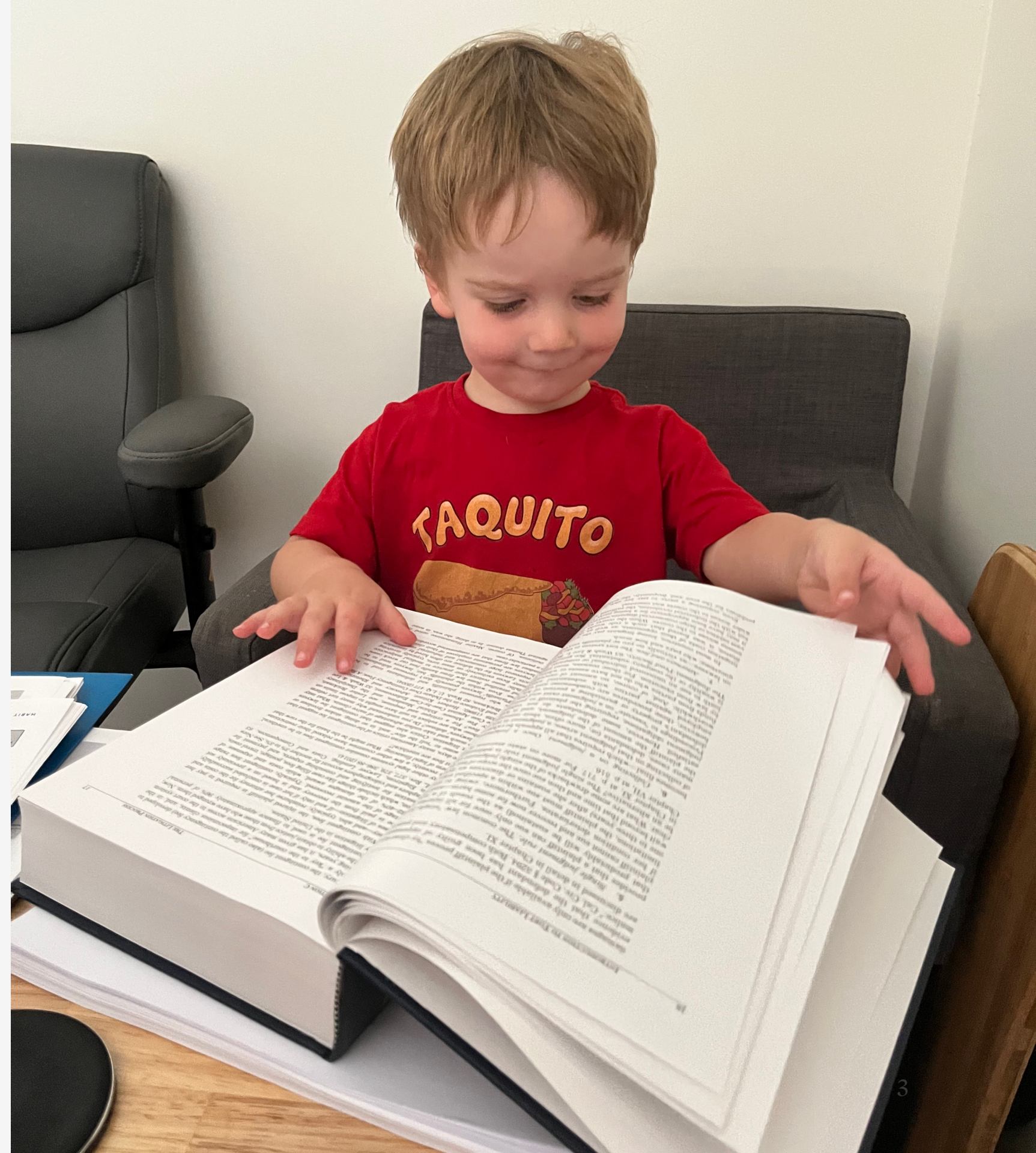
# Strict Liability

**Remember the first week of class?**

# How to Read a Case

Before you begin:

1. Connect with your core values.
2. Discern your immediate goal.



# Why take this preliminary step?

Connecting to core values makes the work easier and more fulfilling.

Discerning a goal allows you to focus your attention on what matters.



**There is no escape.**

**Stress is a very bad, no good motivator.**

# Goals when reading a case

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

**That's outlining!**



**An outline outlines the process for arriving at the right answers to familiar questions about unfamiliar facts.**

# Familiar questions from our negligence defenses

- Does the defense of contributory negligence apply?
- Was the plaintiff comparatively negligent?
- Does the defense of “assumption of risk” apply?
- How much can the plaintiff recover?
- How much does each defendant owe?
- If a particular defendant is absent or insolvent, how much do the other defendants owe?

**We also read a case that first  
week...**

# Hammontree v. Jenner



**Fletcher v. Rylands**

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Liability applies for:

**PWFOPBOHL&C&KTALDMIIE**

Liability applies for:

# **PWFO PBOHL & C & K TALD MIIE**

A person who for his own purpose brings onto his land and collects and keeps there anything likely to do mischief if it escapes

# Limits on Strict Liability

Fletcher v. Rylands

--- PWFOPBOHL&C&KTALDMIIE

Rylands v. Fletcher

--- PWFOPBOHL&C&KTA “non-natural” and LDMIIE

First Restatement

--- “ultrahazardous activity”

Second Restatement

--- “abnormally dangerous activity”



# Indiana Harbor Belt v. *American Cyanamid*



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# Strict liability applies for behavior that is:

- Very risky and that risk cannot be eliminated at reasonable cost

AND

- Not susceptible to due care analysis

Tort law is the law of  
**negligence.**

Strict liability is the law of tort law when negligence fails.