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THE WHARTON SCHOOL
DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL STUDIES**

LEGAL STUDIES 101-002

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This course is an introduction to law and the legal process. It will help you understand how legal systems work, how lawyers and judges think, how social values impact the way laws are interpreted, and how legal rules evolve to cover new situations. The first part of the course surveys the ways judges think about the law using a variety of topics across the landscape of the law. The second part of the course focuses in depth on contract law so you can understand how the legal doctrine develops in a specific area that is critical to business. The final classes deal with the basics of Agency Law.

The readings are contained in a Bulk Pack you can obtain from Wharton Reprographics. The reading materials for this course have recently been extensively revised; therefore the purchase of used copies of bulk-packs from previous semesters is not recommended.

There will be one outside speaker scheduled at a time and place to be announced. Attendance is a requirement of the course.

Grading will be based on a mid-term and a final exam.

CLASS TOPICS AND ASSIGNMENTS

September	7	Class 1 Course Introduction and Expectations
	12	Class 2 Jurisprudence: How Do Judges Decide Cases?
	14	Class 3 The Law of Personal Property: What is Possession?
	19	Class 4 Intellectual Property: Music Industry v. Napster

	21	Class 5 Real Property: Rights and Constitutional Constraints
	26	Class 6 Privacy and the Fourth Amendment
	28	Class 7 Privacy and the Law in Daily Life
October	3	Class 8 Torts
	5	Class 9 Civil Procedure
	10	Class 10 The Jury System
	12	Class 11 Contract Law – Introduction and the Need for a Writing
	19	MID-TERM EXAM
	24	Class 12 The Bargain Theory: Consideration
	26	Class 13 The Bargain Theory: Offer
	31	Class 14 The Bargain Theory: Acceptance
November	1	Class 15 The Bargain Theory: Termination of the Power of Acceptance (Option Contracts)
	7	Class 16 Remedies for Breach of Contract: Specific Performance
	9	Class 17 Remedies for Breach of Contract: Expectation Damages
	14	Class 18 Remedies for Breach of Contract: Reliance and Restitution
	16	Class 19 Limitations on Remedies for Breach of Contract

	21	Class 20 Promissory Liability Outside the Bargain Model
November	28	Class 21 Third-Party Beneficiaries I
	30	Class 22 Agency Law I
December	5	Class 23 Agency Law II
	7	Class 24 Agency Law III
December 15, 2005	(Thursday) 9:00 11:00 AM	Final Examination (Location to be announced)