INTRODUCTION TO LAW

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The material for this course consists of a paper back text by Marvin A. Chirelsten, Foundation Press, titled “Concepts and Case Analysis in the Law of Contracts” and a second paper back published by Foundation Press “Selections for Contracts.” Each is stocked by the Penn Bookstore under my name and course title.

In addition, there is a bulk pack available from Wharton Reprographics which is located on the lowest level of Steinberg Dietrich Hall.

The text and Bulk Pack are new this year. You must have the Bulk Pack from the start!

Additional handouts will be distributed in class during the semester.

The assigned material should be read and studied prior to class. I will assume that each of you is prepared and will move on from here. If you do not prepare, you will not do well. In addition to cheating your classmates because you cannot participate in, nor understand, class discussion, you will be cheating yourselves and those who sacrifice to help you attend Penn.

Except for Assignments 7, 8, 9, page references apply to the Bulk Pack

Assignment 1: Sturges vs. Bridgman
“A Typical Case”
Handout first day of class

Assignment 2: Legal Process
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Assignment 3: Jurisdiction, pages 11-19

Assignment 4: Jurisdiction continued, pages 21-45
Problems page P1 and “Worldwide” P71
Assignment 5: Conflicts of Law, pages 47-70

Assignment 6: Erie vs. Tompkins (1938) P73-83
Problems pages P1-P2

Assignment 7: Contracts – Consideration
Text: Chirelstein pages 12-28
Problems pages P9-P14

Assignment 8: Contracts – Contract Formation
Text: Chirelstein pages 33-66
Problems pages P2-P8

Assignment 9: Contract Interpretation
Text: Chirelstein pages 85-96

Assignment 10: Statute of Frauds
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Assignment 11: Product Liability
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Assignment 12: Product Liability
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Problems pages P17-P18

Assignment 13: Third Parties, pages 153-166
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