

**INTRODUCTION TO LAW AND THE LEGAL PROCESS  
LEGAL STUDIES 101-002 – Spring 2009  
Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania**

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**Office hours: Tuesday, 12-2 or by appt.**  
**Class: Monday & Wednesday, 12-1:30**

**Reading:** The assigned readings for this course will consist largely of a photocopied bulkpack, available from Wharton Reprographics in the basement of Steinberg-Dietrich Hall. Readings which are not in the bulkpack will be provided to you periodically, in advance of the relevant class. A few readings from the bulkpack will be omitted.

**Grading:** Participation, attendance and reaction papers (responses to specific prompts given in class) will be 30% of your grade. The midterm exam will be 30% and the final exam will be 40%.

**Class Topics and Assignments:** The following is a list of the topics we will cover, in the order in which we will cover them, with their assigned readings (“tab” references are to the bulkpack). There may be limited changes as we go along. These topics do not bear a one-to-one relationship to class dates; some topics will take only part of a class, others may take more than one class.

There will be one class led by a guest speaker, date to be announced, devoted to the discussion of international law.

Introduction to the Class

Sources and Functions of Law

Tab 1, Readings 1-2

Tab 5, Reading 25

Jurisprudence and Legal Reasoning

Tab 2, Readings 3-6

Civil Procedure and the Jury System

Tab 9, Readings 43-46

Tab 10, Readings 50-52

Property Law: Personal Property

Tab 3, Readings 7-13

Property Law: Real Property  
Tab 5, Readings 21-24, 26  
Spur Industries, Inc. v. Del E. Webb  
Kelo v. City of New London

Property Law: Intellectual Property  
Tab 4, Readings 14-20

Privacy  
Tab 6, Readings 27-32  
Tab 7, Readings 33-38

Torts  
Tab 8, Readings 40-41  
(Skip Case 8-1 (Soldano))  
Summers v. Tice  
Palsgraf (Andrews dissent)  
Murphy v. Steeplechase

Contracts: Introduction and the Need for Writing  
Tab 11, Readings 53-57

Contracts: Remedies  
Tab 17, Readings 66-67  
Tab 16, Readings 63-65  
Tab 18, Readings 68-69

Contracts: Consideration  
Tab 12, Reading 58  
Mills v. Wyman

Contracts: Offer, Acceptance and Termination of the Power of Acceptance  
Tab 13, Reading 59  
Tab 14, Reading 60  
Tab 15, Readings 61, 62

Contracts: Interpretation  
Frigalment Importing Co. v. BNS International Sales Corp.

Contracts: Promissory Estoppel  
Tab 20, Readings 74-80

Contracts: Limitations/Defenses  
Tab 19, Readings 71-73