LGST 101
Syllabus
Summer 2012
Monday to Thursday 9:00 to 10:30
INTRODUCTION TO LAW AND THE LEGAL PROCESS

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***This syllabus is a draft, subject to change***

Assigned Reading: You must obtain a course pack through study.net/Wharton Reprographics. Please do the assigned reading before class, and please bring the bulk pack to class with you.

Grading: Class preparation, participation and attendance will count for 20% of your grade. There will be one group exercise that will count for 10% of your grade. There will be one midterm exam counting 35% of your grade and a final exam counting 35% of your grade.

TOPICAL ASSIGNMENTS

I. AN INTRODUCTION TO LAW AND LEGAL SYSTEMS

May 21; Class 1: Introduction: What is Law?
Readings: 1. Introduction to Law
2. There are No Secret Books

May 22; Class 2: What is International Law?
Reading: 3. Sources of International Law

May 23; Class 3: Legal Reasoning
Readings: 4. An Introductory Note on Jurisprudence
5. The Case of the Speluncean Explorers

May 24; Class 4: Property: Personal Property
Readings: 6. You are What You Own
7. Popov v. Hayashi
8. Swift v. Gifford
9. Keron v. Cashman

May 28 Memorial Day—No class

May 29; Class 5: Property: Intellectual Property
Readings: 10. The Strategist’s Dream
11. Four Kinds of Intellectual Property in the United States
12. Company Isn’t Afraid to Take Copycats to Court
13. Suing Your Customers: A Winning Business Strategy?
14. DuPont deNemours v. Christopher

May 30; Class 6: Property: Real Property
Readings: 15. Sturges v. Bridgman
17. Nome 2000 v. Fagerstrom
18. Constitutional Law

May 31; Class 7: Criminal Law and the Fourth Amendment
Readings: 20. Criminal Law
21. When Can the Police Conduct a Search and Seizure?
22. Search and Seizure
23. Dow Chemical v. United States
24. Kyllo v. United States
25. Bond v. United States

June 4; Class 8: Privacy in Daily Life
27. McLain v. Boise Cascade
29. Reno v. Condon
30. Barriers to the Constitutional Right to Privacy: Patriot Act
   Foregoing Liberty for Safety?

June 5; Class 9: Intentional Torts
Reading: 31. Intentional Torts

June 6; Class 10: Negligence
Reading: 32. Negligence and Strict Liability

June 7; Class 11: What is law like?
Readings: 33. Your Day in Court – The Litigation Process
34. Sue First, Ask Questions Later
35. The Court System
36. The Adversarial System

June 11; Class 12: MIDTERM EXAMINATION

II. PRIVATE LAW: ENFORCING VOLUNTARY AGREEMENTS

June 12; Class 13: Contract Law: Introduction and Need for Writing
Readings: 37. Introduction to Contracts
38. Steinberg v. Chicago Medical School
39. Contracts in Writing
40. Iacono v. Lyons

June 13; Class 15: The Bargain Theory – Consideration
Reading: 41. Consideration – The Basic Concept

June 14; Class 16: The Bargain Theory – Offer
Reading: 42. Intent to Contract: Offer and Acceptance

June 18; Class 17: The Bargain Theory – Acceptance
Reading: 43. Acceptance

June 19; Class 18: The Bargain Theory – Termination of Power of Acceptance
Readings: 44. Termination of the Power of Acceptance
45. Lyon v. Adgraphic

June 20; Class 19: Remedies for Breach of Contract
Readings: 46. Remedies (From Contracts in a Nutshell)
47. McAllister v. Patton
48. Equitable Remedies

June 21; Class 20: Remedies for Breach of Contract
Readings: 49. Remedies

June 25; Class 21: Remedies for Breach of Contract
Readings: 50. Damages Under the Uniform Commercial Code
51. Laredo Hides v. H & H Meat Products
52. Seller’s Damages – Trading v. Teledyne

June 26; Class 22: Limitations on Remedies for Breach of Contract
Readings: 53. A Note on Limitations to Contract Remedies
54. Ericson v. Playgirl
55. Fruend v. Washington Square Press
56. Parker v. Twentieth Century Fox

June 27; Class 23: Wrinkles in Contract Law
Readings: 57. A Note on Promissory Liability Outside the Bargain Model
58. Gorham v. Benson Optical
59. Hoffman v. Red Owl Stores
60. Drennan v. Star Paving
61. A Note on Unconsonability, Duress and Illegality
62. Austin Instruments v. Loral Group

June 28, Class 23 FINAL EXAMINATION