

**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
  - 16. Borton v. Forest Hills Country Club
  - 17. Nome 2000 v. Fagerstrom
  - 18. Constitutional Law
  - 19. Constitutional Law for a Changing America (The Takings Clause: Penn v. Central v. New York)

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

- Readings:
- 26. Washington v. Chrisman
  - 27. McLain v. Boise Cascade
  - 28. Falvo v. Owasso Independent School District
  - 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 Unconscionability, Duress and Illegality  
62. Austin Instruments v. Loral Group

June 28, Class 23 FINAL EXAMINATION