LGST 101 Syllabus  
Fall 2012  
Monday/Wednesday  
INTRODUCTION TO LAW AND THE LEGAL PROCESS

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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 30% 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

Sept. 5; Class 1: Introduction: What is Law?

Readings: 1. Introduction to Law  
2. There are No Secret Books

Sept. 10; Class 2: What is International Law?

Reading: 3. Sources of International Law

Sept. 12; Class 3: Legal Reasoning

Readings: 4. An Introductory Note on Jurisprudence  
5. The Case of the Speluncean Explorers

Sept 17; Class 4: Property: Personal Property

Readings: 6. You are What You Own  
7. Popov v. Hayashi  
8. Swift v. Gifford  
9. Keron v. Cashman

Sept. 19; 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

Sept. 24; Class 6: Property: Real Property

Readings: 15. Sturges v. Bridgman
17. Nome 2000 v. Fagerstrom
18. Constitutional Law

Sept. 26; Class 7: Privacy and the Fourth Amendment

Readings: 20. When Can the Police Conduct a Search and Seizure?
21. Search and Seizure
22. Dow Chemical v. United States
23. Kyllo v. United States
24. Bond v. United States

Oct. 1; Class 8: Privacy in Daily Life

26. McLain v. Boise Cascade
27. Falvo v. Owasso Independent School District
28. Reno v. Condon
29. Barriers to the Constitutional Right to Privacy: Patriot Act – Forgoing Liberty for Safety?

Oct. 3; Class 9: Crime

Reading: 30. Criminal Law

Oct. 8; Class 10: Intentional Torts

Reading: 31. Intentional Torts

Oct. 10; Class 11: Negligence

Readings: 32. Negligence and Strict Liability

Oct. 15; Class 12: 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
Oct. 17; Class 13: Review

Readings: everything so far

Oct. 24; Class 14: MIDTERM EXAMINATION

II. PRIVATE LAW: ENFORCING VOLUNTARY AGREEMENTS

Oct. 29; Class 15: 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

Oct. 31; Class 16: The Bargain Theory – Consideration

Reading: 41. Consideration – The Basic Concept

Nov. 5; Class 17: The Bargain Theory – Offer

Reading: 42. Intent to Contract: Offer and Acceptance

Nov. 7; Class 18: The Bargain Theory – Acceptance

Reading: 43. Acceptance

Nov. 12; Class 19: The Bargain Theory – Termination of Power of Acceptance

Readings: 44. Termination of the Power of Acceptance
45. Lyon v. Adgraphic

Nov. 14; Class 20: Remedies for Breach of Contract

Readings: 46. Remedies (From Contracts in a Nutshell)
47. McAllister v. Patton
48. Equitable Remedies

Nov. 19; Class 21: Remedies for Breach of Contract

Readings: 49. Remedies

Nov. 21; Class 22: we will discuss this class in class

Reading: as needed

Nov. 26; Class 23: 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
Nov. 28; Class 24: 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

Dec. 3; Class 25: 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 Unconsionability, Duress and Illegality
62. Austin Instruments v. Loral Group

Dec. 5; Class 26: Review Session