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FINAL SYLLABUS FOR CLASS**

**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
 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 Central v. New York)

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

- Readings:
25. Washington v. Chrisman
 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 – Foregoing 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 Unconscionability, Duress and Illegality
 - 62. Austin Instruments v. Loral Group

Dec. 5; Class 26: Review Session