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Tuesday – 4:30-7:20p

### Internet Law & Policy

Welcome.

1. Overview: This course looks at how courts, legislatures, and regulators confront the major legal issues that the Internet poses. The fundamental challenge is that law comes from governments and other institutions in specific places, but the Internet is global and virtual. The material in the course ranges from the foundations of cyberlaw, developed during the e-commerce boom of the 1990s, to current leading-edge questions around social networks, user-generated content, location-based services, cloud computing, and data privacy and security. No pre-existing legal or technical knowledge is required.

2. Grading: 50% Exam; 50% Final Project and participation.

Exam: 25 question multiple choice/short answer exam, covering material in assigned readings and covered in class.

Final Project:

- Create a team of no more than 3 people
- Select a pending or recent internet law issue, case or series of cases.
- Using information you have learned in this class as well as outside research, demonstrate your mastery of internet regulation by authoring a joint white paper with detailed commentary explaining the legal issues. The paper should be extensively footnoted and contain a bibliography of sources. (approximate 5-10 pages per person)
- Due at exam time for this period, turned in to each student's folder on Webcafe.

Participation:

- Preparation when cold-called in class and in workshop exercises
- Participation in project presentations in class (15 min. per person)

3. Reading Materials: James Grimmelman, INTERNET LAW (2012): download here -

[http://semaphorerepress.com/InternetLaw\\_overview.html](http://semaphorerepress.com/InternetLaw_overview.html)

Readings linked off Canvas - If you are not a Wharton student, go to

<http://accounts.wharton.upenn.edu> to request a Wharton Computing Account so that you can access Canvas.

5. Office Hours and Location: By appointment - email to schedule: [amatwysh@wharton.upenn.edu](mailto:amatwysh@wharton.upenn.edu).  
Suite 600 JMHH

4. Visitors: Visitors are welcome with prior consent of the instructor upon not less than 24 hours advance notice.

5. Technology policy:

- Email will be used for various class communications. Check email daily.
  - All gadgets must be on mute during class. Laptop usage is permitted only for pedagogical purposes. Participation points may be deducted in the sole discretion of the instructor for any class disruption.
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Class 1 Introduction and Speech

- Chapter 3, 107-142
- Chapter 9, 353-361

Class 2 Domain Names

- Chapter 1, 15-27
- Chapter 7, 307-315, 337-361

Class 3 Jurisdiction

- Chapter 2, 47-106
- Chapter 9, 471-480

Class 4 Contract and Tort

- Chapter 5, 223-239, 259-277

Class 5 Copyright

- Chapter 8, 363-379, 386-390, 399-407, 426-433, 440-454

Class 6 Intermediation

- Chapter 6, 277-305
- Chapter 9, 375-392

Class 7 Privacy

- Chapter 4, 159-176, 189-222

Class 8 Hacking and Security

- Chapter 4, 177-208
- Chapter 5, 239-256

Class 9 Children and Social Networks

- Readings TBD

Class 10 Securities Law and Marketing Law on the Internet

- Readings TBD

Class 11 EXAM

## Class 12 & 13 PRESENTATIONS