

**U. OF PENNSYLVANIA -- THE WHARTON SCHOOL
INTRODUCTION TO LAW AND THE LEGAL PROCESS
LEGAL STUDIES 101-301 (Honors) -- SPRING 2013
PROFESSOR ROSOFF**

OVERVIEW: This course surveys the fundamentals of the U.S. legal system and process, paying attention to how law evolves over time in response to the perceived concerns and needs of society. Roughly half the course is devoted to a study of contract law, to illustrate how the law develops and works in a practical context useful to all in everyday life.

CLASS MEETS: Monday & Wednesday, 10:30 - 11:50 AM
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E-MAIL: E-mail will be used for course announcements, distribution of some materials, etc. You should check your e-mail daily; the instructor will generally do likewise. When responding to an email related to the course, take care to reply only to the instructor and not to the entire class!!

MATERIALS: A **COURSEPACK** with the basic materials is available through Study.Net. During the term, supplementary materials will be made available through Reprographics, distributed in class, or posted on the course's Canvas website: <http://wharton.instructure.com> 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.

COURSE FORMAT: The course combines lecture, Socratic dialogue, and group discussion in an informal atmosphere. Active class participation is expected.

GRADING:

- Quizzes = 20% [3 (or more) quizzes, on dates to be announced; the lowest grade will be dropped.]
- Midterm exam = 30%
- Final exam = 40%
- Class Participation = 10% (counts attendance, preparation, and contribution to discussions)

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SYLLABUS AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

- Jan. 9 Welcome and course overview; discussion of *Sturges v. Bridgman* (King's Bench, 1879), Reading 22 in the Bulkpack, pp. 127-130
- Jan. 14 Introduction to Law
Reading: Law and Language: a Preliminary Note
Bulkpack **Tab 1**: Readings 1, 2 -- pp. 1-14
- Jan. 16 Jurisprudence and Legal Reasoning
Reading: Bulkpack **Tab 2**: Readings 3, 4, 5, 6 -- pp. 15-59
- Jan. 21 Property Law: Personal Property
Reading: Bulkpack **Tab 3**: Readings 7 thru 13 -- pp. 61-90
- Jan. 23 Property Law: Intellectual Property
Reading: Bulkpack **Tab 4**: Readings 14 thru 20 -- pp. 91-124
- Jan. 28 Property Law: Real Property
Reading: Bulkpack **Tab 5**: Readings 21 thru 26 -- pp. 125-151
[Note: pp. 127-130 were covered in the class of Jan. 9.]
- Jan. 30 **Open**
- Feb. 4 Privacy and the Fourth Amendment
Reading: Bulkpack **Tab 6**: Readings 27 thru 32 -- pp. 153-182
- Feb. 6 Privacy in Daily Life
Reading: Bulkpack **Tab 7**: Readings 33 thru 39 -- pp. 183-208
- Feb. 11 Torts
Reading: Bulkpack **Tab 8**: Readings 40 thru 42 -- pp. 209-233
- Feb. 13 **Open**
- Feb. 18 Legal Process and Civil Procedure
Reading: Bulkpack **Tab 9**: Readings 43 thru 47 -- pp.235-264
- Feb. 20 The Jury
Reading: Bulkpack **Tab 10**: Readings 48 thru 52 -- pp. 265-292
Note: Around this date a **Jury Simulation Exercise (JSE)** will be held to support this section of the course. The JSE event will likely be held from 6-8 PM on a date determined based on students' schedules. Attendance is not mandatory, but is

strongly encouraged. Details to follow.

Feb. 25 **Open; review and discussion of material to date**

Feb. 27 **MID-TERM EXAM (In-class; all material to date)**

SPRING BREAK (MAR. 1-10)

Mar. 11 Intro to Contracts: The Foundation of a Market Economy
 Reading: Bulkpack **Tab 11**: Readings 53 thru 57 -- pp. 293-320

Mar. 13 Consideration
 Reading: Bulkpack **Tab 12**: Reading 58 -- pp. 321-332

Mar. 18 Intent to Contract: Offer and Acceptance
 Reading: Bulkpack **Tab 13**: Reading 59 -- pp. 333-349

Mar. 20 Offer and Acceptance (cont.)
 Reading: Bulkpack **Tab 14**: Reading 60 -- pp. 351-364

Mar. 25 Offer and Acceptance (cont.)
 Reading: Bulkpack **Tab 15**: Readings 61, 62 -- pp. 363-374

Mar. 27 Remedies
 Reading: Bulkpack **Tab 16**: Readings 63 thru 65 -- pp. 377-396

Apr. 1 Remedies – Damages
 Reading: Bulkpack **Tab 17**: Readings 66, 67 -- pp. 397-408

Apr. 3 Remedies – Damages under the Uniform Commercial Code
 Reading: Bulkpack **Tab 18**: Readings 68 thru 70 -- pp. 409-414

Apr. 8 Remedies: limitations to Contract Remedies
 Reading: Bulkpack **Tab 19**: Readings 71 thru 73 -- pp. 415-434

Apr. 10 Beyond contract: Promissory Liability outside the Bargain Model, Promissory
 Estoppel; Unconscionability, Duress & Illegality
 Reading: Bulkpack **Tab 20**: Readings 74 thru 80 -- pp. 435-464

Apr. 15 **Open – to be announced**

Apr. 17 **Open – to be announced**

Apr. 22 **Course wrap-up: Discussion & Review Session**
 Reading: Review materials since mid-term

FINAL EXAM Date, time & location to be announced (between Apr. 29 - May 7)