

LGST 101-901
Summer 2013
Monday-Thursday 10:40 – 12 :15
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 course pack to class with you. This syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor – in the event of a change you will be notified in class.

Grading: Class preparation, participation and attendance will count 30% of your grade. Class participation includes attending class, *on time*. Class participation also includes evidence of preparation, and thoughtful contribution to the class discussion. 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 20; Class 1: Introduction: What is Law?

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

May 21; Class 2: What is International Law?

- Reading: 3. Sources of International Law

May 22; Class 3: Legal Reasoning

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

May 23; 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; 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 29; 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)

May 30; 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

June 3; Class 8: Crime

- Reading: 25. Criminal Law

June 4; Class 9: Intentional Torts

- Reading: 26. Intentional Torts

June 5; Class 10: Negligence

- Reading: 27. Negligence and Strict Liability

June 6; Class 11: Review

- Readings: everything so far

June 10; Class 12: MIDTERM EXAMINATION

II. PRIVATE LAW: ENFORCING VOLUNTARY AGREEMENTS

June 11; Class 13: Contract Law: Introduction and Need for Writing

- Readings:
28. Introduction to Contracts
 29. Steinberg v. Chicago Medical School
 30. Contracts in Writing
 31. Iacono v. Lyons

June 12; Class 14: The Bargain Theory – Consideration

- Reading: 32. Consideration – The Basic Concept

June 13; Class 15: The Bargain Theory – Offer

Reading: 33. Intent to Contract: Offer and Acceptance

June 17; Class 16: The Bargain Theory – Acceptance

Reading: 34. Acceptance

June 18; Class 17: The Bargain Theory – Termination of Power of Acceptance

Readings: 35. Termination of the Power of Acceptance
36. Lyon v. Adgraphic

June 19; Class 18: Remedies for Breach of Contract

Readings: 37. Remedies (From Contracts in a Nutshell)
38. McAllister v. Patton
39. Equitable Remedies

June 20; Class 19: Remedies for Breach of Contract

Readings: 40. Remedies
41. Damages Under the Uniform Commercial Code
42. Laredo Hides v. H & H Meat Products
43. Seller's Damages – Trading v. Teledyne

June 24; Class 20: UCC Continued and Limitations on Remedies for Breach of Contract

Readings: 44. A Note on Limitations to Contract Remedies
45. Ericson v. Playgirl
46. Freund v. Washington Square Press
47. Parker v. Twentieth Century Fox

June 25; Class 21: Wrinkles in Contract Law

Readings: 48. A Note on Promissory Liability Outside the Bargain Model
49. Gorham v. Benson Optical
50. Hoffman v. Red Owl Stores
51. Drennan v. Star Paving
52. A Note on Unconscionability, Duress and Illegality
53. Austin Instruments v. Loral Group

June 26; Class 22: Review Session

June 27; Class 23: FINAL EXAMINATION