INTRODUCTION TO LAW AND THE LEGAL PROCESS
LEGAL STUDIES 101 - Fall 2015
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OVERVIEW: This course surveys the fundamentals of the U.S. legal system and process, its evolution and the social policy needs of our society. It will introduce several substantive areas of law, with a particular focus on contracts and applications of traditional legal concerns in emerging technology policy contexts, and will conclude with an introduction to America’s place in the legal world order.

CLASS MEETS: Tuesday-Thursday 9:00-10:20 JMHH F55

OFFICE HOURS: Wednesday 1:30-3:30, or send me an email (and it’s not a bad idea to send me an email if you’re thinking of coming by regardless – I’m open for business Wednesday afternoon, but capable of drifting off to the coffee machine). I’m happy to meet on most other days of the week.

MATERIALS: COURSE BULKPACK customized for this course, available on STUDY.NET. I will add occasional additional readings over the course of the semester.

COURSE FORMAT: The course combines lecture, Socratic dialogue, and group discussion. Active class participation is expected. Excellent class participation, as determined by the professor in my sole discretion, may result in up to five additional points added to your final exam score. (Consequently, your final exam grade may improve by as much as a full letter grade.)

GRADING:
• Jury Simulation/Deal Workshop – 10%
• Group Projects, plus accompanying short papers – 20%
• Midterm exam – 30%
• Final exam – 40%
1  Vehicles in the Park
    9-12 (TOC #1)
2  Introduction to the Legal System
    13-40 (TOC #2-5)
3  Speluncean Explorers – The Judge
    41-84 (TOC #6-7)
4  Civil Procedure – Litigation
    85-118 (TOC #8-10)
5  Civil Procedure – The Jury
    119-156 (TOC #11-15)
6  Property – Personal and Real
    157-202 (TOC #16-22)
7  Contracts: Introduction
    203-254 (TOC #23-28)
8  Contracts: Consideration and the Offer
    255-274 (TOC #29)
9  Contracts: Acceptance
    275-306 (TOC #30-32)
10 Contracts: Remedies I
    307-348 (TOC #33-36)
11 Contracts: Remedies II
    349-362 (TOC #37-39)
12 Contracts: Remedies III
    363-438 (TOC #40-50)
In Class Midterm

Torts
439-470 (TOC #51-54)

Constitutional Law
477-492 and The US Constitution, as amended (TOC #55-56 and #82)

Constitutional Law: A Case Study In Privacy
493-528 (TOC #57-62)

Administrative Law
529-550 (TOC #63-64)

Administrative Law
551-562 (TOC #65)

Administrative Law
563-602 (TOC #66-67)

Corporate Law And Securities Law
603-628 (TOC #68-72)

Intellectual property
628-662 (TOC #73-77)

All Papers Accompanying the Group Presentations Are Due One Week Before the First Presentation,

International Law
668-704 (TOC #78-79)

The Law In Action  - Group Presentations