



**INTRODUCTION TO LAW AND LEGAL PROCESS**  
**LGST 101 /910**

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**Class Meetings** Mondays & Wednesdays, 1:15PM – 5.00PM, Room SHDH 105  
**Office Hours** Email to arrange a meeting.

Course Description: This course provides an overview of the first year of law school. We will discuss several different legal concepts including criminal, tort, constitutional, contractual, and securities regulation. The course is meant to introduce you to several different legal doctrines in an introductory way rather than dive deeply into any one issue. Our goal for the course will be to find some underlying theme that unifies these various areas of the law. The course will also develop your analytical skills and your ability to articulate your ideas succinctly and clearly.

Grading:

45% Class Participation and Discussion

35% Final Moot Court Presentation

20% Weekly Case Write ups

Class Format and Policies:

This course will involve some lecture, some group discussion, and “Socratic” questioning. I will call on students without deference to volunteerism. Therefore, students are expected to have read the assigned materials and to be ready to discuss them critically. A major portion of your grade will be your *willingness and preparation to engage in class discussion*. This does not mean I expect you to have

all the answers to all my questions. Quite the opposite, I simply expect you to be prepared to engage in lively discussions.

Electronic devices will not be permitted in class. Shopping, texting, and gaming negatively affect group dynamics. If an emergency requires that you have connectivity, confer with me before class.

More generally, students are expected to behave professionally. Shirking and whining, in particular, are to be discouraged. A secondary goal of this course is to develop social intuitions about how to create a strong reputation within a business organization. Teaser: everyone likes someone who is courteous, punctual, engaged, and positive; everyone dislikes the opposite.

Informal Lunches and Coffee:

I would love to get to know you better and to hear your views on the course (among other things). To that end, I will organize some opportunities to have meals in small groups. This is not, however, a course requirement or expectation.

Readings: They will be a mix of legal cases and book chapters. I will add or delete from the readings below depending on how the course develops. The following is a tentative list of readings.

<p><b>Class 1—5.23: Introduction to the Law</b></p> <p>Intro</p> <p>Shavell—Law &amp; Morality</p> <p>Vehicles in the Park</p> <p>Intro to the Legal System</p> <p>No Secret Books</p>	<p><b>Class 2—5.25: Civil Procedure</b></p> <p>How to read a legal opinion</p> <p>Your day in Court</p> <p>Civil Procedure: Jury</p> <p>Talley v. Mathis</p> <p>Nix v. Hedden</p>
<p><b>Class 3—6.01: Property</b></p> <p>Pierson v. Post</p> <p>Popov v. Hayashi</p> <p>Sturges v. Bridgeman</p>	<p><b>Class 4—6.06: Intentional Torts/Crimes</b></p> <p>Vosburg v. Putney</p> <p>Littlefield v. McGuffy</p> <p>Fitch v. Valentine</p>

<p>U.S. v Causby</p> <p>Stambovsky v. Ackley</p> <p>Nome 200 v. Fagerstrom</p>	<p>Puryear v. Puryear</p> <p>Dudley v. Stephens</p> <p>People v. Casassa</p> <p>Shakelford v. Lundquist</p>
<p><b>Class 5—6.08: Negligence</b></p> <p>Mussivand v. David</p> <p>U.S. v. Carroll Towing Co.</p> <p>Martin v. Herzog</p> <p>Lucy Web v. Perotti</p> <p>Summers v. Tice</p> <p>Briefs for Fisher v. University of Texas Austion</p>	<p><b>Class 6—6.13: Guest Lecture and Contracts</b></p> <p>Correspondence for Justices</p> <p>Yates v. United States</p> <p>Excerpts from US Constitution</p> <p>Lucy v. Zehmer</p> <p>Stepp v. Freeman</p> <p>Leftkowitz v. General Surplus</p> <p>Briefs for Bernard v. Minnesota</p>
<p><b>Class 7—6.15: Contracts (Part 2)</b></p> <p>Curtis v. Anderson</p> <p>Dickson v. Dodds</p> <p>Hammer v. Sidway</p> <p>Hawkins v. Mcgee</p> <p>Peevyhouse v. Garland Coal</p> <p>Briefs for Star Athletic Brands v. Varsity Brands</p>	<p><b>Class 8—6.20: Contracts (Part 3) and Takings</b></p> <p>Hadley v. Baxendale</p> <p>Williams v. Walker Furniture</p> <p>Sullivan v. O'Connor</p> <p>Penn Central v. City of NY</p> <p>Horne v. Dept. of Agriculture</p> <p>Briefs for Utah v. Streiff</p>

<p><b>Class 9—6.22: Insider Trading</b></p> <p>Chiarella v. U.S.</p> <p>Dirks v. SEC</p> <p>US. v. Newman</p> <p>U.S. v. Salman</p> <p>Haddock on Insider Trading</p> <p>Briefs for Dollar General v. Choctaw Indians</p>	<p><b>Class 10—First Amendment</b></p> <p>Chaplinsky v. New Hampshire</p> <p>Texas v. Johnson</p> <p>Ashcroft v. Free Coalition</p> <p>U.S. v. Alvarez</p> <p>Snyder v. Phelps</p>
<p><b>Class 11—TBD</b></p>	