

LGST 101-006
Fall 2018
LAW AND SOCIAL VALUES

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Assigned Reading: You must obtain a course pack through study.net/Wharton Reprographics/Canvas. Please do the assigned reading before class, and please bring the readings 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. Drop slips will not be signed after October 8.

THIS SYLLABUS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE INSTRUCTOR. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE A CURRENT SYLLABUS.

TOPICAL ASSIGNMENTS

I. AN INTRODUCTION TO LAW AND LEGAL SYSTEMS

Aug. 29; Class 1: Introduction: What is Law?

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

Sept. 5; Class 2: What is International Law?

- Reading: 3. Sources of International Law
4. Is International Law Really Law? at <http://harpers.org/blog/2010/03/is-international-law-really-law-six-questions-for-michael-scharf/>

Sept. 10; Class 3: Legal Reasoning

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

II. AREAS OF LAW

Sept 12; Class 4: Property: Personal Property

- Readings: 6. You are What You Own
7. Popov v. Hayashi

8. Swift v. Gifford

Sept. 17; Class 5: Property: Intellectual Property

- Readings: 10. Four Kinds of Intellectual Property in the United States
11. DuPont deNemours v. Christopher
12. Alice Corp. v. CLS Banking International at
https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/13pdf/13-298_7lh8.pdf

Sept. 19; Class 6: Property: Does Property Promote Growth

- Readings: 13. Free Culture “Larry Lessig: Laws that Choke Creativity” at
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Q25-S7jzgs>
14. The Strategist’s Dream

Sept. 24; Class 7: Constitution and Constitutionalism

- Readings: 15. Constitutional Law
16. Constitutionalism

Sept. 26; Class 8: Privacy: And the Fourth Amendment

- Readings: 17. When Can the Police Conduct a Search and Seizure?
18. Dow Chemical v. United States
19. Kyllo v. United States

Oct. 1; Class 9: TBD

Oct. 3; Class 10: Privacy: In the Current World

- Reading: 20. Privacy, Privacy Act, Big Data

Oct. 8; Class 11: TBD

Oct 10; Class 12: TBD

Oct. 15; Class 13: Crime: Duties to the State

- Reading: 21. Criminal Law

Oct. 17; Class 14: Crime: Enforcement

- Readings: 22. Baltimore: The Dehumanizing Gaze and Thug Life at
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/charles-howard/baltimore-the-dehumanizing-gaze-and-thug-life_b_7163740.html?
23. Excerpts from the Kerner Report at <http://historymatters.gmu.edu/d/6545/>

Oct. 22; Class 15: Tort: Duties to One Another

- Readings: 24. Intentional Torts
25. Negligence and Strict Liability

Oct. 24; Class 16: review

Reading: everything so far

Oct. 29; Class 17: MIDTERM EXAMINATION

III. PRIVATE LAW: ENFORCING VOLUNTARY AGREEMENTS

Oct. 31; Class 18: What is a Contract

Reading: 26. Introduction to Contracts
27. Steinberg v. Chicago Medical School
28. Contracts in Writing

Nov. 5; Class 19: The Bargain Theory – Consideration

Reading: 29. Consideration – The Basic Concept

Nov. 7; Class 20: The Bargain Theory – Offer and Acceptance

Reading: 30. Intent to Contract: Offer and Acceptance

Nov. 12; Class 21: The Bargain Theory – Termination of Power of Acceptance

Readings: 31. Termination of the Power of Acceptance
32. Lyon v. Adgraphic

Nov. 14; Class 22: The Bargain Theory – Remedies for Breach of Contract

Readings: 33. Remedies
34. A Note on Limitation to Remedies
35. Ericson v. Playgirl

Nov. 19; Class 23: Unconscionability and Good Faith

Readings: 36. A Note on Unconscionability
37. Walker v. Thompson Furniture
38. Bhasin v. Hyrnew at <https://scc-csc.lexum.com/scc-csc/scc-csc/en/item/14438/index.do>

IV. BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS

Nov. 26; Class 24: Agency

Reading: 39. The Fiduciary Relationship: A Legal Perspective

Nov. 28; Class 25: Business Forms

Readings: 40. Types of Business Organizations at

www.studyfinance.com/lessons/busorg/
41. Summary of Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission at
www.cga.ct.gov/2010/rpt/2010-R-0124.htm

Dec. 3; Class 26: Insider Trading

Readings: 42. The Conceptual Problems with the Law of Insider and Outsider Trading
43. Hedge Fund Billionaire Is Guilty of Insider Trading: A Circle of Tipsters
Who Shared Illicit Secrets

Dec. 5; Class 27: Shareholder Primacy

Reading: 44. Two Extreme Views

Dec. 10; Class 28: Review Session

Readings: all contract readings

The examination schedule posted by the Registrar currently states that the final examination for this course will be held on Monday, December 17, from noon to 2:00 a.m. Please continue to check the final examination schedule for the correct time and date.