

Course Outline

COURSE: Laws 2003 D (Classroom) & V (Broadcast CUTV)
Private Law Relationships

TERM: Fall/Winter 2009-10

PREREQUISITES: LAWS 1000

CLASS - 2004 D: **Day & Time:** Tuesdays 8:30-11:30 am
Room: Please check with Carleton Central for current room location

BROADCAST - 2004 V: **Day & Time:** Tuesdays 2.30pm – 5.00pm (Rogers, Channel 243)
Also viewable via: [CUTV Webcast](#); [Video-On-Demand \(VOD\) online streaming](#)- (fee applies) and at the [CUTV Student Centre](#). See the CUTV website for more information.

INSTRUCTOR: Professor T. Brettel Dawson

CONTACT: **Office:** D497 LA (Loeb)
Office Hrs: Tuesday 11:30-12:30
Thursday 9:30-10:30 - Or by appointment
Email: Please use WebCT email for this course

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course examines some of the ways in which law regulates relationships among legal persons. We will look at the manner in which rights are created and enforced through such mechanisms as property rules, contractual agreement and liability rules. The manner in which legal categories and concepts embody particular visions of social life will be emphasized. The course will also emphasize the role played by the state in the ordering of private law relations. You should learn about how private law works, the impacts of private law and why particular rules exist.

SYLLABUS

A schedule of topics and readings will be made available. This is subject to change during the course and will be updated from time to time.

REQUIRED TEXT

Neil Sargent and Logan Atkinson, eds., *Just Between the Law and Us*. Toronto: Captus Press, 2005 (Available from the Carleton University Bookstore and on reserve). Referred to as 'Text'.

REQUIRED READINGS/WebCT

I will post additional required readings and links to supplementary readings for many of the topics covered in class in folders on WebCT together with an updated schedule of readings.

RECOMMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS

Logan Atkinson and Neil Sargent, *Private Law, Social Life*. Toronto: Lexis Nexis, Butterworths, 2d. Edition, 2007 (Available from the Carleton University Bookstore). Referred to as 'PLSL'

I will also suggest links and further reading from time to time.

<u>EVALUATION</u>	<u>Fall Semester:</u>	1. Quiz	20%
		(Week of October 27/09)	
		2. Take Home Mid-Term Examination	30%
	<u>Winter Semester:</u>	3. Research Essay Assignment	20%
		(Topics both semesters; due March 04/10)	
		4. Take Home Final Examination	30%

All components of evaluation must be completed to receive a passing grade in the course.

The Quiz, Essay and Take Home examinations are to be submitted electronically and comments/grades will be 'returned' electronically via WebCT. PLEASE KEEP a copy of all assignments as a backup until your final grade is confirmed.

To create a consistent and fair policy I will grant extensions only in the circumstances approved by the Registrar's office, and only until the original due date. If you think you may require an extension please contact me BEFORE the assignment is due. Late penalties will apply for material submitted after the due date (eg. 1 mark out of 20 for every day late).

All written work must be yours alone, and any ideas you include in your work which are not original to you should be properly referenced. You should familiarize yourself with the department's policies on proper referencing and citation, such as the Department of Law's 'Legal Style Sheet for Term Papers.' As well, it is recommended that you familiarize yourself with the University's policies on academic integrity, and see the Library's webpage on plagiarism.

WebCT

You will need to sign up for a WebCT account (for information see links on www.carleton.ca) to access evaluation material and readings; announcements and updates on the course schedule.

NOTES ON ACCOMMODATION:

For Students With Disabilities: Students with disabilities needing academic accommodations in this course must contact a co-ordinator at the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities to complete the necessary *letters of accommodation*. After registering with the PMC, make an appointment to meet and discuss your needs with me in order to make the necessary arrangements as early in the term as possible, but no later than two weeks before the first assignment is due or the first test requiring accommodation. Please note the deadline for submitting completed forms to the PMC for formally scheduled exam accommodations is November 16, 2009 (for fall and fall/winter term courses) and March 12, 2010, for winter term courses.

For Religious Obligations: Students requesting academic accommodation on the basis of religious obligations should make a formal, written request to their instructors for alternate dates and/or means of satisfying academic requirements. Such requests should be made during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist, but no later than two weeks before the compulsory academic event. Accommodation is to be worked out directly and on an individual basis between the student and the instructor(s) involved. Instructors will make accommodations in a way that avoids academic disadvantage to the student. Students or instructors who have questions or want to confirm accommodation eligibility of a religious event or practice may refer to the Equity Services website for a list of holy days and Carleton's Academic Accommodation policies, or may contact an Equity Services Advisor in the Equity Services Department for assistance.

For Pregnancy: Pregnant students requiring academic accommodations are encouraged to contact an Equity Advisor in Equity Services to complete a *letter of accommodation*. The student must then make an appointment to discuss her needs with the instructor at least two weeks prior to the first academic event in which it is anticipated the accommodation will be required.