

## Course Outline

**COURSE:** LAWS 2201 C - Persons and Property

**TERM:** Fall 2010

**PREREQUISITES:** LAWS 1000

**CLASS:**      **Day & Time:** Tuesdays 2:35 pm – 5:25 pm  
                         **Room:** Please check with Carleton Central for current room location

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course is an introductory examination of the social and philosophical context of private law relations, focusing on the concepts of legal personhood and legal individualism in the first eight classes, and on concepts of property in the final four classes.

**REQUIRED TEXTS:**

Neil Sargent and Logan Atkinson (eds.) *Just Between the Law and Us: Volume I – Persons and Property* (North York: Captus Press, 2010).

Logan Atkinson and Neil Sargent *Private Law, Social Life: An Introduction (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition)* (Toronto: LexisNexis, 2007).

Both of these texts are required, and both are (or will soon be) available in the University Bookstore.

**EVALUATION**

**(All components must be completed in order to get a passing grade)**

Student work will be evaluated in accordance with the following formula:

Mid-term take-home examination	30%
December examination	<u>70%</u>
Total	100%

The Mid-term take-home examination will be available to students on Tuesday 12 October 2010, and will be due in hardcopy on Wednesday 27 October 2010. Complete details will be provided when the examination is made available.

The December examination will be a multiple choice examination consisting of 140 questions to be done in three hours during the regularly scheduled examination period. Details on the date, time and location of the examination will be provided as the term progresses.

## **SCHEDULE**

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| <b>I</b>   | <b>Sep 14</b> | <b>Introduction<br/>Private Law as a System of Classification</b>   |
|            |               | <u>Readings:</u> <i>Just Between the Law and Us</i> , Chapter I<br><i>Private Law, Social Life</i> , 1-12           |
| <b>II</b>  | <b>Sep 21</b> | <b>Legal Individualism</b>  |
|            |               | <u>Readings:</u> <i>Just Between the Law and Us</i> , Chapter II<br><i>Private Law, Social Life</i> , 12-23         |
| <b>III</b> | <b>Sep 28</b> | <b>The Public/Private Distinction</b>   |
|            |               | <u>Readings:</u> <i>Just Between the Law and Us</i> , Chapter III   |
| <b>IV</b>  | <b>Oct 5</b>  | <b>Legal Personality</b>  |
|            |               | <u>Readings:</u> <i>Just Between the Law and Us</i> , Chapter IV<br><i>Private Law, Social Life</i> , 25-35         |
|            | <b>Oct 12</b> | <b>The Mid-term Take-home Examination will be distributed to students today.</b>                                    |
| <b>V</b>   | <b>Oct 12</b> | <b>Partial Personhood</b>   |
|            |               | <u>Readings:</u> <i>Just Between the Law and Us</i> , Chapter VI<br><i>Private Law, Social Life</i> , 40-47         |
| <b>VI</b>  | <b>Oct 19</b> | <b>Personhood – Special Cases</b>   |
|            |               | <u>Readings:</u> <i>Just Between the Law and Us</i> , Chapters V and VII<br><i>Private Law, Social Life</i> , 35-40 |
| <b>VII</b> | <b>Oct 26</b> | <b>Family and Personhood</b>  |
|            |               | <u>Readings:</u> <i>Just Between the Law and Us</i> , Chapter VIII  |
|            | <b>Oct 27</b> | <b>The Mid-term Take-Home Examination is due in hardcopy today.</b>   |

**VIII    Nov 2        Parenting, the Law and the State**

Readings:        *Just Between the Law and Us*, Chapter IX

**IX       Nov 9        Property Basics**

Readings:        *Just Between the Law and Us*, Chapter X  
*Private Law, Social Life*, 101-112

**X       Nov 16        Land**

Readings:        *Just Between the Law and Us*, Chapter XI

**XI       Nov 23        Property – Special Cases**

Readings:        *Just Between the Law and Us*, Chapters XII and XIII  
*Private Law, Social Life*, 120-128

**XII       Nov 30        The New Property**

Readings:        *Just Between the Law and Us*, Chapter XIV  
*Private Law, Social Life*, 112-119