

Course Outline

COURSE: LAWS 2201D Persons and Property

TERM: Fall 2011

PREREQUISITES: LAWS 1000

CLASS: **Day & Time:** Thursdays 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. The intent is to provide students with a solid and portable framework for critical reflection on private law rules.

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 (2nd Edition)* (Toronto: LexisNexis, 2007).

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

EVALUATION

(Both the mid-term take-home examination and the December examination must be completed in order to get a passing grade)

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

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| Mid-term take-home examination | 30% |
| Five online mini-quizzes, worth 2% each | 10% |
| December examination | 60% |
| Total | 100% |

The mid-term take-home examination will be available to students on Friday 14 October 2011, and will be due in hardcopy on Monday 31 October 2011. Complete details will be provided when the examination is made available.

The December examination will be a multiple choice examination consisting of 120 questions to be done in two 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

September 8 – Lecture I Introduction
Private Law as a System of Classification

Readings: *Just Between the Law and Us*, Chapter I
Private Law, Social Life, 1-12

September 15 – Lecture II Legal Individualism

Readings: *Just Between the Law and Us*, Chapter II
Private Law, Social Life, 12-23

September 17 – The first WebCT online mini-quiz will be available for completion at 9:00 a.m. today, and will remain available for completion till 9:00 p.m. on September 19.

September 22 – Lecture III The Public/Private Distinction

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

September 29 – Lecture IV Legal Personality

Readings: *Just Between the Law and Us*, Chapter IV
Private Law, Social Life, 25-35

October 1 – The second WebCT online mini-quiz will be available for completion at 9:00 a.m. today, and will remain available for completion till 9:00 p.m. on October 3.

October 6 – Class canceled today.

October 13 – Lecture V Partial Personhood

Readings: *Just Between the Law and Us*, Chapter VI
Private Law, Social Life, 40-47

- October 14 –** **The mid-term take-home examination will be distributed to students on WebCT today.**
- October 20 –** **Lecture VI Personhood – Special Cases**
- Readings: *Just Between the Law and Us*, Chapters V and VII
 Private Law, Social Life, 35-40
- Hour three of this class (approximately 4:30 – 5:25) will be a TA-led workshop on substantive issues in the mid-term examination.
- October 22 –** **The third WebCT online mini-quiz will be available for completion at 9:00 a.m. today, and will remain available for completion till 9:00 p.m. on October 24.**
- October 27 –** **Lecture VII Family and Personhood**
- Readings: *Just Between the Law and Us*, Chapter VIII
- Hour three of this class (approximately 4:30 – 5:25) will be a TA-led workshop on format and presentation issues in the mid-term examination.
- October 31 –** **The Mid-term Take-Home Examination is due in hardcopy today.**
- November 3 –** **Lecture VIII Parenting, the Law and the State**
- Readings: *Just Between the Law and Us*, Chapter IX
- November 5 –** **The fourth WebCT online mini-quiz will be available for completion at 9:00 a.m. today, and will remain available for completion till 9:00 p.m. on November 7.**
- November 10 –** **Lecture IX Property Basics**
- Readings: *Just Between the Law and Us*, Chapter X
 Private Law, Social Life, 101-112
- November 17 –** **Lecture X Land**
- Readings: *Just Between the Law and Us*, Chapter XI
- November 19 –** **The fifth WebCT online mini-quiz will be available for completion at 9:00 a.m. today, and will remain available for completion till 9:00 p.m. on November 21.**
- November 24 –** **Lecture XI Property – Special Cases**
- Readings: *Just Between the Law and Us*, Chapters XII and XIII
 Private Law, Social Life, 120-128
- December 2 -** **Lecture XII The New Property**
- Readings: *Just Between the Law and Us*, Chapter XIV
 Private Law, Social Life, 112-119