

Course Outline

COURSE:	LAWS 2202B Obligations
TERM:	Winter 2011
PREREQUISITES:	LAWS 1000
CLASS:	Day & Time: Mondays 8:35-11:25 Room: Please check with Carleton Central for current room location
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is an introductory examination of private law doctrine, including the law of contract, tort and fiduciary duty.

REQUIRED TEXTS

Neil Sargent and Logan Atkinson (eds.) *Just Between the Law and Us: Volume II – Obligations* (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. Students who have not taken Law 2201 are strongly encouraged to read Chapters One, Two and Five in *Private Law, Social Life: An Introduction (2nd Edition)* as important background for the course.

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%
April examination	<u>70%</u>
Total	100%

The Mid-term take-home examination will be available to students on Friday 28 January 2011, and will be due in hardcopy on Monday 14 February 2011. Complete details will be provided when the examination is made available.

The April 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

- January 3 – Lecture I Administrative Details**
Introduction to the Law of Contract
 Readings: *Just Between the Law and Us*, Chapter I (to and including Macaulay, “Non-Contractual Relationships in Business: A Preliminary Study”)
Private Law, Social Life, 49-62
- January 10 – Lecture II Contracts: The Family Law Model**
 Readings: *Just Between the Law and Us*, Chapter I (from and including *Balfour v. Balfour* to the end of the Chapter)
Private Law, Social Life, 69-73
- January 17 – Lecture III Judicial Intervention in Contract**
 Readings: *Just Between the Law and Us*, Chapter II
Private Law, Social Life, 62-69
- January 24 – Lecture IV Consequences of Non-Performance in Contract**
 Readings: *Just Between the Law and Us*, Chapter III
Private Law, Social Life, 153-157, 161-170
- January 28 – The Mid-term Take-home Examination will be distributed to students today.**
- January 31 – Lecture V Introduction to the Law of Tort**
 Readings: *Private Law, Social Life*, 75-92
- February 7 – Lecture VI The Nature of Tort Law**
 Readings: *Just Between the Law and Us*, Chapter IV
- February 14 – Lecture VII Foundations of Liability in Negligence**
 Readings: *Just Between the Law and Us*, Chapter V
Private Law, Social Life, 92-99
- February 14 – The Mid-term Take-Home Examination is due in hardcopy today.**
- February 21 – Reading Week - No Class Today.**
- February 28 – Lecture VIII Compensation in Tort Law**
 Readings: *Just Between the Law and Us*, Chapter VI
Private Law, Social Life, 157-161, 170-176
- March 7 – Lecture IX Introduction to the Law of Fiduciaries**
 Readings: *Private Law, Social Life*, Chapter VI
- March 14 – Lecture X Selected Problems in the Law of Fiduciaries**
 Readings: *Just Between the Law and Us*, Chapter VII
- March 21 – Lecture XI The Public/Private Distinction Revisited**
 Readings: *Just Between the Law and Us*, Chapter VIII
- March 28 – Lecture XII Review Class**