

COURSE SYLLABUS

Faculty: **Professor Jason Marisam**

Course: Torts II

Semester: Fall 2013

Meeting Schedule: **Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:50-2:20**

Room: **100**

Textbook:

Christie, Meeks, Pryor and Sanders, *Advanced Torts* (2nd Edition, 2012) Supplement (supplied by the professor and available on TWEN)

Learning Outcomes for the Course:

Identify and define the essential elements of tort causes of action and defenses for products liability, privacy, defamation, and intentional infliction of emotional distress. Understand the tort rules for economic injuries, the role of liability insurance in the tort system, and the assessment of damages.

Attendance Policies in this Course:

Missing more than 6 classes is grounds for being withdrawn from the class.

Policy on Laptop Use in Class:

Students may use laptops for typing and reviewing notes for this class. I reserve the right to ban laptops for students who use their laptops in class for other activities, such as playing video games, reading online sites, checking email, reading Facebook posts, checking Twitter feeds, and similar activities.

Grading Components:

Final examination: Three Hour Essay
Date/Time: Self-Scheduled
Requirements: Open book
Component(s) of your grade: 100%*

^{*}I may increase a grade for consistently high quality class participation.

READING

(CB = casebook; S = supplement, which will be available on TWEN)

Products Liability

Class 1: Introduction, Who Is A Seller?, & What Is A Product? CB 163-74, 183-93 S 1-3

Class 2: Manufacturing Defects
CB 194-98
S 3-10

Class 3: Design Defects CB 202-16 S 10-15

<u>Class 4</u>: Design Defects cont. CB 221-36, 237-49 S 15-20

Class 5: Warning Defects CB 249-57, 266-75, 276-82

Class 6: Warning Defects cont. S 20-30 CB 286-98

<u>Class 7</u>: Defenses 321-31 S 30-36

<u>Class 8:</u> Products Liability Review Reading TBA

Torts for Dignitary Harms: IIED, Defamation, and Privacy

<u>Class 9</u>: Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress CB 434-50, 454-55, 471-80

<u>Class 10</u>: Defining Defamation CB 481-92, 496-99, 512-18 S 36-37

Class 11: About the Plaintiff & Publication CB 502-08, 518-24 S 37-41

Class 12: Defenses

CB 527-43, 559-63

<u>Class 13</u>: Constitutional Developments

CB 572-85, 592-605, 610-17

<u>Class 14</u>: Constitutional Developments cont.

S 41-50

CB 620-25

<u>Class 15</u>: False Light & Intrusion Upon Seclusion

S 50-53

CB 650-54, 656-73

Class 16: Publication of Private Facts

CB 675-699

Class 17: Appropriation of Name and Likeness

CB 731-747

Class 18: Review Dignitary Torts

Harm to Interests in Land, Economic Injury, and Miscellaneous Torts Issues

Class 19: Nuisance

CB 13-29

S 53-65

<u>Class 20</u>: Economic Loss Rule & Breach of Fiduciary Duty

CB 46-69, 74-78

<u>Class 21</u>: Misrepresentation

CB 81-86, 97-207

S 65-68

Class 22: Tortious Interference

S 68-77

CB 115-26

Class 23: Damages & Insurance

S 77-80

CB 142-149, 344-56, 364-69

<u>Class 24</u>: False Imprisonment and Misuse of Legal Process

CB 750-77