

SYLLABUS

E-COMMERCE LAW SPRING SEMESTER 2001

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Textbook: LAW OF ELECTRONIC COMMERCE, Fourth edition, by Jane Winn and Benjamin Wright

Additional readings: Additional readings may be found on the Internet.

General Comments: On a weekly basis, during the last half hour of each class, students are expected to be prepared to discuss the latest legal developments affecting e-commerce and the Internet.

Grading: The final grade will be computed as follows:

25% – Class participation

75% – Final Project and class presentation

For the Final Project, students will have a choice between drafting e-business/e-commerce contracts or writing a research paper of "publishable" quality.

Weekly readings and assignments: [NOTE: In addition to reading the assigned text, students are expected to be familiar with the cases discussed in the textbook.]

2/17 - 2/24/01 1. General Discussion of Internet Technology; E-business/E-commerce business considerations.

Read: pp. 1-1 to 1-12; 1-38 to 1-53 in the text

2. Jurisdictional Problems on the Internet.

Read: pp. 3-1 to 3-46 in the text.

Additional reading: Research the Yahoo/Nazi Auction case, specifically the decision of the French tribunal. – Be prepared to discuss the free speech implications of this case.

3. Begin Discussion of Electronic Contracts. (2/24)

Read: pp. 5-1 to 6-38; 1-27 to 1-36; 13-9 to 13-15; Appendices B; D; E.

Additional reading: Research UCITA and be prepared to discuss the controversy surrounding the Act.

3/3 - 3/10/01 **NO CLASS**

3/17 - 3/24/01 1. Continue Electronic Contracts Discussion.(3/17)

2. Intellectual Property Issues Affecting e-Commerce Transactions (3/24).

Read: pp. 10-1 to 10-18; 11-1 to 11-25; 12-1 to 12-26 in the text.

Additional reading: research the DeCSS and the Napster cases.

3/31 - 4/7/01 1. Continue Intellectual Property Discussion. (3/31)

2. Privacy Issues Affecting e-Commerce. (4/7)

Read: pp. 14-1 to 14-48; Appendices F; G.

Additional reading: Research recent Federal legislative privacy proposals.

4/14/01 1. Discussion of Security and Cybercrime Concerns Affecting e-Commerce

Read: pp. 1-12 to 1-27 and 17-1 to 17-12 in the text.

Additional reading: Research the International Cybercrime Treaty.

2. Begin Student Presentations

4/21/01 Continue Student Presentations