Introduction to Law and Legal Process
LGST 101

T/TH 10:30am-11:50am; 1:30pm to 2:50pm; 3:00pm to 4:20pm

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Course Description
This course is an introduction to law and legal process with a particular focus on criminal law, constitutional law, tort law, and contract law.

Course Materials
Cases and materials will be posted and distributed on Canvas.

Course Requirements
Examinations and quizzes will require references to and analysis of assigned cases, statutes, and other materials, whether or not discussed during class. All assigned cases should be briefed in preparation for class. Students will be expected to add value to class discussions.

Examinations
I will administer unannounced quizzes, graded class exercises, and a mid-term examination (open book and open notes) this semester. In addition, there will be a final examination (open book and open notes) during the regularly scheduled examination period at the end of the semester.

Field Requirement
Students will be asked to choose one field exercise from the following: (a) joining a police “ride along” on a Friday evening, (b) arguing in a moot court exercise at Penn Law School, or (c) visiting New Jersey State Prison (Trenton, NJ).

Office Hours
Please contact me via email (lauferw@wharton.upenn.edu) to set up times to meet.

Grading
Final grades, consisting of class contribution/participation (20%), a mid-term examination (40%), and a final examination (40%), will be adjusted to conform to an acceptable distribution.
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| 1    | **Course Introduction** (Choosing Equal Injustice)  
*Introduction to Criminal Law* (*Keeler v. Superior Court*; *Elonis v. United States*)  
*Introduction to Constitutional Law* (*Kennedy v. Louisiana*; *Tennessee v. Garner*) | |
| 2    | **Introduction to Tort Law** (*Cohen v. Petty*; *Spano v. Perini Corporation*; *Lubitz v. Wells*)  
**Introduction to Contract Law** (*Trump v. Maher*; *Vokes v. Arthur Murray, Inc.*; *Hopper v. All Pet Animal Clinic*) | |
| 3    | **Introduction to the Legal System; Jurisprudence; Criminal Law Cases I**  
*Principles of Punishment; Criminal Statutes*  
**Criminal Law Cases II**  
*Actus Reus; Mens Rea* | |
| 4    | **Criminal Law Cases III**  
*Causation; Criminal Homicide*  
**Criminal Law Cases IV**  
*Corporate Criminal Liability and Sanctions* | |
| 5    | **Constitutional Law Cases I**  
*Federal Judicial, Legislative, and Executive Powers; Protection of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties; First Amendment Protections* |
Constitutional Law Cases II
Fourth Amendment Protections

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Constitutional Law Cases III
Eighth Amendment Protections

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Tort Law Cases I
Intentional Torts

Tort Law Cases II
Negligence and Strict Liability

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Tort Law Cases III
Products Liability

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Contract Law Cases I
Bases for Enforcing Promises

Contract Law Cases II
The Bargaining Process

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Contract Law Cases III
Policing the Bargain

Contract Law Cases IV
Policing the Bargain

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Contract Law Cases V
Remedies for Breach

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Contract Law Cases VI
Performance and Breach

Contract Law Cases VII
Mistakes

Contract Law Cases VIII
Impossibility, Impracticability, and Frustration

Review

FINAL EXAMINATION (cumulative)