Classes: Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00-7:50 PM

Required Text:
   Epstein and Sharkey, Cases and Materials on Torts, 10th edition
   (Print edition recommended)

Additional readings will be emailed or made available on TWEN.

Office Hours: I am happy to meet with you at a mutually convenient time in my office (Room 312). Email me to confirm a time.

Grading: Grades are based on the final exam (main) and participation.

Final Exam
The final exam will take place on Monday, December 7 at 6:00 PM. It will be a 3-hour in-class exam. You may bring hard copy books or papers, but commercial study guides and electronic devices are not allowed. E-books are not permitted during the final exam.

Participation and Attendance
Participation is required. Classes will involve discussion as well as some lectures. Participation includes attending class, being prepared to answer questions when asked, and demonstrating professionalism – refraining from Internet use during class and being respectful of your classmates.

Please consult the Academic Regulations regarding attendance requirements. An attendance sheet will be circulated for you to sign at the beginning of each class. If you know you will be absent or unprepared for a class, send an email to me by 5 PM before the class meeting.

Final grades may be adjusted up or down by one-third (e.g., B+ becomes a A- or vice versa) based on your class participation.

Laptop, Phone, and Internet Policy
Laptops in class are allowed only for note-taking. Using the Internet, messaging, emailing, facebooking, shopping, surfing, gaming, etc., during class may result in grade penalties.
Assignments: Below is a preliminary outline of the semester’s reading assignments. These page numbers are subject to change at my discretion, depending on the pace of class discussion. You should be prepared to discuss the readings for the day, as well as any readings that were assigned for the previous class meeting. Check your email and TWEN for updates regarding the reading assignments and syllabus.

Aug 20  Introduction, Reading Assignment 1 (hot coffee cases)
Aug 25  Intentional Torts, 4-28
Aug 27  Intentional Torts, 28-44
Sep  1  Intentional Torts, 44-75
Sep  3  Strict Liability and Negligence, 97-110, 129-143
Sep  8  Negligence, 145-169
Sep 10  Negligence, 169-192
Sep 15  Negligence, 195-219
Sep 17  Negligence, 219-252
Sep 22  Negligence, 271-300
Sep 24  Contributory Negligence, 301-330
Sep 29+ Assumption of Risk, 333-350
                   Comparative Negligence, 357-363, 370-373
Oct  1  Cause in Fact, 375-401
Oct  6  Cause in Fact, 388-410
Oct  8  Cause in Fact, 410-425, 430-438

[Oct 13 NO TORTS CLASS. FOLLOW MONDAY SCHEDULE]

Oct 15+  Cause in Fact, 430-438
                  Proximate Cause, 445-469
Oct 20  Proximate Cause, 462-494
Oct 22  Proximate Cause, 495-508
                  Affirmative Duties, 509-544
Oct 27  Strict Liability, 591-618

[Oct 29 NO TORTS CLASS]

Nov  3  Strict Liability, 626-646
Nov  5  Strict Liability, 646-659, 662-674, 680-690
Nov 10  Vicarious Liability, 691-710
                  Products Liability, 711-727
Nov 12  Products Liability, 727-736; 756-783
Nov 17  Products Liability, 784-811
Nov 19  Damages, 843-865
Nov 24  Damages, readings TBA
Dec  2  TBA
Dec  7  Exam

+ Plus up to 30 minutes makeup class time