PROPERTY AND TORT LAW (PPTYTORT)

While every effort is made to ensure course lists are accurate, change is inevitable and courses may show alternate program restrictions at the time of scheduling. Courses used to satisfy graduation requirements must be designated as such at the time of registration. Not all courses are offered each year.

PPTYTORT 501 Contact Tracing, Law, and Ethics (2 Credit Hours)
Contact tracing is an essential public health strategy to contain an outbreak, otherwise known as “flattening the curve.” Operating within critical legal and regulatory parameters, contact tracers gather information on case exposure and contacts and advise on isolation and quarantine, as well as follow up. In this course, students will learn the history and utility of contact tracing; ethical and legal considerations, such as human subject research, privacy, civil liberties, and human rights; contact tracing in global comparative perspective; and special considerations to help curb transmission in vulnerable and high-risk communities. The course will also include an “interviews and investigations” skills component through simulation and development of a contact tracing plan and accompanying analysis. Additional Course Information: Class dates follow University Quarter Schedule

PPTYTORT 530 Property (3 Credit Hours)
This course is an introduction to the law of real property. It explores the original acquisition of entitlements to property; different theories of justification for the institution and distribution of property; the Anglo-American system of estates in land, the law of trespass and nuisance; private and public mechanisms of land use control; landlord-tenant law; and public regulation of property, including housing discrimination and eminent domain.

PPTYTORT 550 Torts (3 Credit Hours)
This course provides an introduction to the way that American society deals with injuries through the legal system. It focuses on established doctrines of tort liability, including intentional torts, negligence and strict liability, and theories currently at the judicial frontier. Another major subject of concern is defenses based on the plaintiff’s conduct. The course also seeks, in an introductory way, to set tort remedies in a broader perspective that includes compensation legislation and safety regulation. Among other things, the course provides an introduction to basic techniques of legal analysis, and constantly frames tort cases in the context of modern civil procedure. As its predecessor courses did, it describes the effect of modern socioeconomic concepts on the development of tort law and the operation microeconomic theory to legal issues, as well as a consideration of moral aspects of the law of injuries.

PPTYTORT 555 Torts (Intellectual Property Program) (3 Credit Hours)
This class will introduce students to the challenges and opportunities of appellate advocacy in a highly technical field.
Working closely with Environmental Nonprofit Organizations, students will craft amici and other briefs in some of the most interesting and contentious environmental cases today. The course will explore how to navigate complex statutes and regulations, how to make cogent plain language arguments despite the statutory and regulatory complexity, how to present scientific and statistical information to a lay audience, and the role of policy arguments in a statute- and science-driven field.

Registration Requirements: There are no prerequisites, but Environmental Law is recommended. Evaluation Method: Grading will be based on a combination of class participation (25 percent, which includes participation in class, weekly meetings with the instructors, and meetings with clients) and the final brief. The briefs will be complex, and students will be expected to spend 12-15 hours per week, outside of class, working on them. Class Materials: Readings will be supplied by the instructors prior to the first class.

PPTYTORT 610 Environmental Law (3 Credit Hours) In this course, we will consider various legal regimes governing human relationships with the environment. We begin with longstanding principles of the common law and then expand to consider the major federal statutes that have come to dominate the field. Drawing on principles of ethics, ecology, economics, and the science of risk assessment, we will analyze the regulatory regimes governing air and water pollution, hazardous waste, and toxics. We will study some of the most hot-button issues in the field, including the remediation of hazardous waste sites, informational approaches to regulation, and the enforcement of environmental statutes through citizen suits. We will also learn the practical, problem-solving art of lawyering in this complex and fascinating field. Teaching Method: Class participation, Discussion, Lecture, Readings Evaluation Method: Attendance, Class Participation, Final Exam Course Materials: Required: Percival, Environmental Regulation (ISBN 9780735584624) Supplemental: Percival, Environmental Regulation Statutory Supplement (ISBN 9780735590649) Additional Course Information: Counts toward Business Enterprise Concentration, Counts toward Law and Social Policy Concentration, Open to First Year Students

PPTYTORT 612 Risk and Environmental Decision-making (2-3 Credit Hours) At the heart of many of the "tough" decisions that public policy makers, lawyers and judges, and business leaders face in the environmental area is how to address uncertainty surrounding factual information and judgements needed to make decisions. In other words, how to deal with risk. Examples of risk in the environmental context range from USEPA deciding at what level to set a health-based ambient environmental standard to a business leader trying to gauge how much money the future clean up of contaminated property will add to a contemplated acquisition. This seminar will address how risk is and could be addressed in decision making involving environmental issues that arise in the public policy, judicial and business arenas. We look at both how risk is identified and measured, how it is incorporated into a decision-making regime, and how it is managed once the decisions are made. We will start by examining the nature of risk itself and an overview of the regulatory structure and policy issues presented in the environmental area. We will next examine different types of risks and how they arise in different types of environmental issues. Among the types of risks we will look at will be risks presented by existing but unknown facts or information; scientific unknowns, judgment and uncertainties; predicting future events; and the intersection of these and other risks in both simple and complex systems. The environmental issues that we will examine will include air, water and land contamination, predicting both human health and environmental impacts from pollutants, and long-term global ecological problems such as greenhouse warming and the potential environmental changes therefrom. We will look at these risks and environmental issues from the perspective of different decision-makers, including legislative and regulatory, judicial, and business. We will conclude by discussing different criteria and approaches to address risk in environment decision-making and, once decisions are made, manage risk on an on-going basis. Each student will be expected to participate in classroom discussions and prepare a paper at the end of the course. Method of evaluation: Research Paper This course will be taught on the University ten-week calendar.

PPTYTORT 613 Clean Energy (2 Credit Hours) The course will take students through the complete journey of a renewable project life cycle, beginning with the key property matters, contractual obligations and financing, and progressing to regulatory approvals, interconnection and energy wholesale and retail market matters and incentives. Estates and Trusts is recommended as a pre or co-req but not required.

PPTYTORT 614 Structuring Transactions: Environmental Law (2 Credit Hours) This section of Structuring Transactions is designed to provide students with an overview of the environmental aspects of real estate and commercial transactions. Emphasis is on the practical aspects of buying and selling real property and businesses; in other words, how to get the deal done, but also to protect one’s client from environmental liability. Students will develop the skill set to recognize and identify the environmental risks inherent in any business transaction, and quantify and allocate those risks in the context of a deal. Drafting projects, mock negotiation modules and associated class discussion of those projects will enable students to systematically analyze environmental business risks, develop their own toolkit of contractual provisions to properly address and allocate environmental issues. By the conclusion of this class, students will have been exposed to understanding and drafting the environmental provisions of asset purchase and sale agreements, stock purchase agreements, real estate agreements, indemnification agreements, mortgage and lender documents, and environmental consulting and access agreements. Additional Course Information: Satisfies Experiential Learning degree req, Satisfies Prof Writing degree req

PPTYTORT 615 Hazardous Waste (2 Credit Hours) The focus of this seminar is federal law regulating the generation, transportation, and disposal of hazardous waste. The seminar examines the historical development of the federal statutory regime for hazardous waste regulation, including the varied institutional and political forces that have shaped the substance and structure of federal law in this area. The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, compensation and Liability Act will be featured. Legal issues currently arising under these laws will be studied, including developments pertaining to criminal as well as civil liability. Evaluation: Each class member will represent one client throughout the semester and will participate in simulations of negotiations and litigation procedure. Teaching Method: Lecture, simulation and demonstration Texts: Prerequisites:

PPTYTORT 617 Energy Law and Policy (3 Credit Hours) This is a survey law class on Energy Law. The class will cover the legal, regulatory and policy frameworks governing energy production, transmission and use in the United States. The course will include energy economics, public utility regulation, ratemaking and pricing, energy type-specific regulation, regulation of electricity, alternative and clean energy sources, the interplay between energy and environmental policies and international energy issues. Registration Requirements: No prerequisites for this class. Knowledge of administrative law, environmental law, and basic economics are helpful but not required. Evaluation Method: Evaluation will be based primarily on a final examination. Class participation will be considered and will benefit (but not reduce) the final grade. Class

PPTYTORT 618 Natural Resources (3 Credit Hours)  Natural resources are coming under increasing strain. Why? What can be done? We examine the legal structures and policy debates surrounding such hot-button issues as endangered species, protected lands, and water rights. We will explore the role of federal constitutional and statutory law, as well as state common law, in shaping the protection and exploitation of the natural world. Additional Course Information: Counts toward Law and Social Policy Concentration.

PPTYTORT 620 Family Law (3 Credit Hours)  This course examines the regulation of family relationships by the state, including obligations in an intact family, the law of marriage and dissolution of marriage, property division and spousal maintenance upon divorce, alternative child custody standards, the enforcement of child support awards, nontraditional families, adoption, and several issues of legal parentage, including parentage of children conceived by assisted reproduction. Additional Course Information: Counts toward Law and Social Policy Concentration, Open to First Year Students.

PPTYTORT 624 Innovation Theory & Intellectual Property (3 Credit Hours)  This seminar will provide an overview of theories of innovation developed in several fields, including economics, psychology, and sociology of science and technology. The seminar will focus on understanding each disciplinary approach to innovation and analyzing efforts to incorporate these theories of innovation into the design of patent law. We will begin by examining traditional economic approaches to innovation and discussing how these insights have been incorporated into patent theory. We will then question the adequacy of these traditional approaches to innovation in light of findings from psychology regarding intrinsic motivation and creativity, and from sociology regarding collective innovation. We then discuss whether and in what ways current findings in economics, psychology, and sociology should lead us to recalibrate the patent system. We will end by considering other tools available to foster innovation, including government grants and prizes. PRE-REQUISITES/RESTRICTIONS: PPTYTORT 650 Intellectual Property Survey or PPTYTORT 651 Patent Law are recommended (but not required). Additional Course Information: Satisfies Research Writing degree req.

PPTYTORT 625 Estates and Trusts (3 Credit Hours)  This course involves the study of (a) the law of intestate succession; (b) the law of wills, including execution, revocation, will contests, problems arising from changes in circumstances after execution, problems involving the use of will substitutes, problems of will interpretation, and marital property rights as a limitation on the power to devise; and (c) the law of trusts, in both its functional and technical aspects, including the essential ingredients of a trust, its creation and termination, formal requirements, the nature of a beneficiary's interest, the special features of charitable trust, and the fiduciary duties of trustees. Additional Course Information: Open to First Year Students.

PPTYTORT 628 Intellectual Property Antitrust (3 Credit Hours)  As intellectual property has grown in importance, the interaction between antitrust law and intellectual property has developed into a crucial part of the legal landscape. The course addresses both the rights of authors and inventors and the interest of society in promoting competition, expanding its base of knowledge, improving technology, and protecting consumer welfare. Hence, the course focuses upon appropriate limits that should be placed on the exercise of intellectual property rights. The course covers the misuse doctrine in patent and copyright law, as well as major cases and materials applying antitrust law in the patent, copyright, and trademark context. These issues are currently the subject of considerable public debate and litigation. The course also covers statutory excerpts from the relevant provisions of antitrust and intellectual property law, and the complete DOJ/FTC intellectual property licensing guidelines. No prerequisites.

PPTYTORT 629 Patent Litigation Involving Non-Practicing Entities (2-3 Credit Hours)  The course will focus on patent holders who do not practice their patent. Discussion topics will include business models of patent holders, litigation strategies of cases involving non-practicing entities, arguments for and against non-practicing entities, and various law reform proposals relating to non-practicing entities. The course is intended to give students a greater understanding of the fundamental concepts and issues of patent litigation. Another objective of the course is that students learn some practical patent litigation skills that will aid them in their transition to successful attorneys. A technical background is not expected or required for Patent Litigation Involving Non-Practicing Entities. However, it is required that students have previously taken Patent Law. Prerequisite: taken Patent Law. Evaluation Method: Seminar paper, participation in classroom discussions. Class Materials: I will assign various articles and portions of articles and government reports for reading and discussion.

PPTYTORT 630 Tort and Products Liability (3 Credit Hours)  The objective of the seminar is to prepare students to deal with tort and products issues that arise in a variety of practices, including general litigation and corporate practice as well as tort and insurance practice. This preparation includes critiques of written work aimed at preparing people to do the intensive writing that all young lawyers must do. Additional Course Information: Counts toward Business Enterprise Concentration, Satisfies Research Writing degree req.

PPTYTORT 635 Torts II (3 Credit Hours)  This course presents a variety of tort issues that confront lawyers in many areas of practice, including general litigation and corporate practice as well as tort and insurance practice. The practical aim of the course is to give students a head start on making partners and clients think of them as useful, by sensitizing students to issues that will arise in such contexts as: - Assessment of chances of liability and damages - Recently developing theories of tort - Client advice on liability avoidance - Analysis of legislation in the tort area For students who wish to continue with the subject matter of the traditional torts course, which historically has been a full-year offering, this course will examine a raft of practice-oriented questions. These include: DAMAGES: An intensive review of problems of economic loss, noneconomic loss, including pain and suffering, and punitive damages. As part of this unit, we will examine wrongful death and survival statutes. PROOF: General principles of proof in tort cases, including: - Sufficiency of the evidence - Circumstantial evidence, including res ipsa, both generally and in medical applications - Rules concerning expert testimony generally - The new, burgeoning law on proof of scientific causation APPORTIONMENT OF DAMAGES - A specially developed unit, of particular practical importance: - Liability imposed on multiple defendants when the particular responsible party cannot be identified. A small but sophisticated body of law. - How liability is divided among tortfeasors. Of everyday use for lawyers in a variety of practices. - Apportionment between tort defendants and workers’ compensation employers DUTY AND PROXIMATE CAUSE - The effect of violations of statutes where the apparent purpose of the statute does not include the injury at issue - Intervening criminal acts (e.g., murder for hire from magazine ads; liability of possessors of handguns) - Negligent infliction of emotional distress, including the general argument about whether this is an appropriate tort action - The "bystander witness" problem - Liability to rescuers - Liability for economic loss: A growing staple of litigation for both tort and commercial litigators - The duty to act: A philosophical problem with many practical shadings ENVIRONMENTAL TORT LAW - Private nuisance - Public nuisance MEDIA TORTS. An analysis of several...
Insurance law is one of the most important tools for the management of risk by both private and public enterprises. Insurance law is a hybrid of contracts and administrative law; parties enter contractual relationships which are regulated by the state. The course introduces students to the core principles and institutions of insurance. We will approach insurance law from a law and economic perspective, aiming to understand how insurance institutions affect economic behavior of insureds, insurers and their lawyers. Broad issues to be covered include fraud, moral hazard, adverse selection and other types of divergence of interests. We will build on these theoretical issues and attempt to understand the various doctrines developed by common law courts as strategies to deal with these problems. In addition, the course provides knowledge of basic insurance law governing insurance contract formation, the interpretation of insurance contracts, insurance regulation and more, especially in areas such as property, life, health, disability, automobile (including uninsured motorist coverage), professional and liability insurance. 

Additional Course Information: Counts toward Appellate Law Concentration, Counts toward Law and Social Policy Concentration, Open to First Year Students

PPTYTORT 643 Medical Innovation I (3 Credit Hours) Medical Innovation is an interdisciplinary course that exposes students to the innovation process and teaches them many of the business, technical, teamwork, presentation and other related skills necessary to be successful in that process. In the context of simulating a startup healthcare company, students will experience the various stages of the innovation life cycle from ideation to prototyping, to legal protection, to business plan development, and, finally, to investor presentation. The course is offered as part of Northwestern University's NUvention program. The course involves students and faculty from four schools: Law, Medicine, Engineering, and Business. Students work in teams including at least one member from each school; each team operates under the supervision of an advisor. While learning about market opportunities in health care, value propositions, what investors are looking for, needs identification, regulatory pathways, reimbursement, and many other topics, teams are challenged to develop or identify a novel and viable product that solves an unmet healthcare need. Students will conduct research to uncover compelling clinical problems, generate ideas to solve those problems, and ultimately settle on the preferred solution. Next, teams create a tangible prototype of their solution and undertake the necessary steps to plan for commercial development. They investigate suitable legal protection and technology transfer issues, they prepare a plan for protecting and/or using IP, and they prepare a business plan. At the conclusion of the program, teams present their inventions and business plans to a panel of sophisticated potential investors and development partners. 

Additional Course Information: Satisfies Experiential Learning degree req., Class dates follow University Quarter Schedule

PPTYTORT 642 Medical Innovation II (3 Credit Hours) Medical Innovation is an interdisciplinary course that exposes students to the innovation process and teaches them many of the business, technical, teamwork, presentation and other related skills necessary to be successful in that process. In the context of simulating a startup healthcare company, students will experience the various stages of the innovation life cycle from ideation to prototyping, to legal protection, to business plan development, and, finally, to investor presentation. The course is offered as part of Northwestern University's NUvention program. The course involves students and faculty from four schools: Law, Medicine, Engineering, and Business. Students work in teams including at least one member from each school; each team operates under the supervision of an advisor. While learning about market opportunities in health care, value propositions, what investors are looking for, needs identification, regulatory pathways, reimbursement, and many other topics, teams are challenged to develop or identify a novel and viable product that solves an unmet healthcare need. Students will conduct research to uncover compelling clinical problems, generate ideas to solve those problems, and ultimately settle on the preferred solution. Next, teams create a tangible prototype of their solution and undertake the necessary steps to plan for commercial development. They investigate suitable legal protection and technology transfer issues, they prepare a plan for protecting and/or using IP, and they prepare a business plan. At the conclusion of the program, teams present their inventions and business plans to a panel of sophisticated potential investors and development partners. Each week, on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-9:00, the Medical Innovation class sessions will address topics vital to each stage of the innovation and commercialization processes, using case studies, lectures, and guest speakers. There will be time set aside during the Wednesday evening sessions for teams to meet, discuss issues, and strategize about where they are in the process. Most Wednesday evening classes in the Fall quarter will be held on the Chicago Campus; most Wednesday sessions in the Spring quarter will be held on the Evanston Campus. There may also be one or two classes held off-campus. In addition to the Wednesday evening classes, the law students will meet separately in the law school on a regular basis - biweekly - to learn about and discuss the legal issues involved at the various stages of development. Though the law students are full founding members of their companies - and not the legal counsel for their companies - team members will look to the law students for guidance on the legal issues involved in commercial development (just as the teams will look to their engineering students to lead on prototyping issues, and to their
students for guidance in developing business plans); the separate law school class provides the opportunity for the law students as a group to learn about and discuss those issues. The law school classes will meet on Wednesdays at a time to be determined. Medical Innovation runs for 6-months - from fall quarter through winter quarter; the course begins mid-September and ends in mid-March. Students are required to enroll for both quarters; each quarter will constitute a separate course for enrollment and transcript purposes - Medical Innovation I & II - which together satisfy 6 law school credit hours. Class attendance is required, and students must commit in advance to attending the pitch presentations at the end of each quarter. The Fall quarter pitch presentation will take place during the law school exam period and the Winter quarter pitch will take place in March. The law school instructors for the Medical Innovation course are Professor Esther Barron and Professor Darren Green, and there will also be an adjunct professor to assist with intellectual property issues. The course is open to 2Ls, 3Ls, and LLM students and there are no formal prerequisites. We are looking for students with a variety of backgrounds and experiences; the course is especially suited to students with an interest in at least one of these areas: health care, business, entrepreneurship, and/or intellectual property. Students interested in this course should fill out a course application, which can be linked to from the NU Law Registration and Records website, under: forms. Students whose applications are accepted and enroll in the course will be charged 75 bid points per semester. Grades will be based on: the overall team project, the individual student’s contribution to the overall team project, the quality of each law student's performance on the separate law school assignments throughout the course, class participation and performance in the separate law school class, and participation and performance in the larger Medical Innovation classes. Additional Course Information: Satisfies Experiential Learning degree req, Class dates follow University Quarter Schedule

PPTYTORT 643 Structuring Transactions: Patent Prosecution (2 Credit Hours) This seminar offers an introduction to the art and science of preparing and prosecuting patent applications before the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The objective is to give participants an introduction to the legal issues they are likely to encounter as a patent prosecutor. Written Assignments Prepare claims on various inventions. Prepare a specification. Prepare responses to Office Actions. Other in-class assignments will take place throughout the semester. Class Participation Participation will affect the quality of the class, and it is expected that students will be prepared for an open discussion of the topics being covered. Because class discussion will be important, please contact one of the professors in advance if you are unable to attend a session. Students will be asked periodically to prepare in-class presentations. Grading The final grade in the course will be based on the grades received for the written assignments, class attendance, and participation (including presentations). Materials Text Book: Ronald Slusky, Invention Analysis and Claiming: A Patent Lawyer's Guide (2007). Additional handouts and downloads to be provided throughout the semester.

PPTYTORT 644 Structuring Transactions: Music Law (2 Credit Hours) This course will introduce the student to the legal and business aspects of the music industry, focusing on how value is created in music entertainment properties (copyrights, trademarks, identity rights, contractual rights, and data) and how transactions involving those properties are structured. Business areas studied will include recording and music publishing agreements, management and agency relationships, licensing, merchandising, distribution, touring, sponsorship, and the developing areas of digital music. PRE-REQUISITES/RESTRICTIONS: PPTYTORT 650 Intellectual Property and either BUSCOM 602L Corporations or BUSCOM 601S Business Associations are recommended, but not required. Additional Course Information: Satisfies Experiential Learning degree req

PPTYTORT 645 Colloquium: Climate Change (2 Credit Hours) Earth’s changing climate promises to be the defining issue of the 21st century, and how humanity responds may well determine the fate of many nations. In this colloquium, we examine the scientific basis for climate projections and explore the basis for mitigation measures such as carbon taxes and cap-and-trade schemes. Recognizing that some amount of climate change will occur regardless of what humanity does now, we also study the emerging science and policy of climate change adaptation—how to enact policy measures to adapt to the sea level changes, drought/flood cycles, species migrations, and other climate-related effects that threaten a significant percentage of the world’s population. Finally, we examine public perceptions of climate change and the relationship between mitigation and adaptation in shaping those perceptions. Registration Requirements: While having taken Environmental Law is helpful for understanding these issues, it is not a prerequisite. Teaching Methods: Class Participation, Discussion, Guest Speakers, Readings Evaluation Methods: Attendance, Class Participation, Papers, Presentations.

PPTYTORT 647 How Innovation Diffuses in the Legal Industry (2 Credit Hours) There is substantial evidence that the legal profession is gradually giving ground to a broader legal industry that encompasses both lawyers and sophisticated professionals from other disciplines. Although this was partially expected in the United Kingdom and Australia, where the regulatory structure was changed to permit non-lawyer ownership of law firms, innovation is also flourishing in the US market. Indeed, despite the fact that the U.S. legal market has not deregulated, it is emerging as a market leader in several important areas of legal innovation. Despite signs of rapid change and market disruption, there is also a powerful counter-narrative among commentators and the legal press that focuses on the seeming glacial pace of change in law, particularly among large law firms that continue to prosper under a business model that is nearly 100 years old. There is some validity in both perspectives, yet no unifying theory that accounts for all the change - and lack of change - we are seeing. The purpose of this course is to begin to assemble a relatively accurate and useful framework for understanding and analyzing the changing legal market. Students who take this course and do all of the requisite work will have a grasp of the legal market on par with many industry leaders. PRE-REQUISITES/RESTRICTOINS: This course is open to JD,LLM, and MSL students. Section 1 is for JD/LLM STUDENTS Section 2 is for MSL students only.

PPTYTORT 648 Law and the Creative Industries (3 Credit Hours) Law and the Creative Industries is a seminar in which students will read scholarly and other texts about how law affects music, movies, TV, book publishing, video games, and other creative industries. Students will write a term paper on a topic relevant to an industry of their own choosing. There are no prerequisites, but courses like Copyright, Intellectual Property, First Amendment, Communications Law, and Media and Entertainment Law could be helpful. Additional Course Information: Satisfies Research Writing degree req

PPTYTORT 650 Intellectual Property (3 Credit Hours) This course introduces students to the constitutional, statutory and common law bases for rights in intellectual property. It provides a foundation for students who plan to take further courses in the area and an overview for students who do not plan further coursework in this area. Our primary focus will be on trademarks, copyright, and patents, but we will also touch on related topics (e.g., trade secrets, dilution) to provide a larger picture of intellectual property protection, its rationale, and its effects. Teaching Method: Lecture and discussion Evaluation: Final examination. Additional
Course Information: Counts toward Business Enterprise Concentration, Open to First Year Students

PPTYTORTH 651 Patent Law (3 Credit Hours) This course is designed to make Patent Law accessible to students of all backgrounds, from the liberal arts to the hard sciences. The course will first explore the normative justifications for protecting intellectual property generally, and for patents in particular. Then it will address the core legal rules of Patent Law, beginning with Patent Law’s process-oriented disclosure requirements; continuing with the substance-oriented requirements of novelty, non-obviousness, and utility; and ending with debates about the subject matter eligible for patent protection. The course will next examine patent enforcement, including infringement and remedies. Finally, the course will explore appellate practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and the complex choice of law problems that are presented by this national appellate forum for patent cases. Additional Course Information: Counts toward Business Enterprise Concentration

PPTYTORTH 652 Copyright Law (3 Credit Hours) This course provides an overview of U.S. copyright law. Students will study key statutory provisions of the Copyright Act as well as judicial opinions that have established and applied important aspects of copyright doctrine. One major theme of the course is the challenge that new media and devices present for copyright law and policy. Students will understand the legal, business, and technological landscape of copyright law, setting them up for further practical experience and in-depth study. Additional Course Information: Counts toward Business Enterprise Concentration

PPTYTORTH 653 Trademarks and Deceptive Advertising (3 Credit Hours) Trademarks (e.g., APPLE computers; CORONA beer) are valuable business assets. Consumers use these signals in making purchasing decisions and companies use them to build commercial goodwill. This course covers the statutory and common law bases for trademarks and related rights. We discuss the acquisition and loss of trademark rights, infringement and remedies, and controversies over the scope of trademark protection. The course also covers related topics, including unfair competition, false advertising, dilution, right of publicity, domain name protection, and cybersquatting. We also examine the tensions between trademark protection and free speech. Additional Course Information: Counts toward Business Enterprise Concentration

PPTYTORTH 654 Patents and Copyrights (2 Credit Hours)

PPTYTORTH 658 Disability Law (3 Credit Hours) This is an introductory course of disability rights law. Areas of concentration include employment, government services, public accommodations, education, housing, mental health treatment and involuntary commitment, and the criminal legal system. We will review such statutes as the Americans with Disabilities Act, Rehabilitation Act, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and the Fair Housing Act. Additional Course Information: Counts toward Law and Social Policy Concentration

PPTYTORTH 659 International Intellectual Property (2-3 Credit Hours) This course will examine the international protection of intellectual property, with special emphasis on copyright. Some time will be devoted to a broad comparison of copyright and neighboring rights in Europe, the U.S., and non-Western legal systems. We will discuss copyright doctrines as applied to traditional works manifested in analog form, as well as their application in the digital age. Specific topics will be the relevant EC Directives, the Berne Convention, Special 301, TRIPS and the WTO dispute settlement process, and the 1996 WIPO Treaties. Evaluation: Final Examination. Research paper.

PPTYTORTH 660 International Environmental Law (3 Credit Hours) We examine how international environmental problems can be addressed within a legal framework where state actors reign supreme. We discuss the relationship between human rights and the environment and focus on climate change, ozone depletion, transboundary air pollution, loss of biodiversity, and over-fishing. The relationship between trade, development, and environmental protection will receive particular attention throughout the seminar. Additional Course Information: Counts toward Law and Social Policy Concentration, Satisfies Research Writing degree req

PPTYTORTH 661 International Public Health: Law and Policy (2-3 Credit Hours) Long the province of medical professionals, problems of international public health have been forced onto the political and legal agendas by a series of unsettling developments: the HIV/AIDS pandemic; SARS and other emerging infectious diseases; avian flu, which may cross from animals to humans; the anthrax episodes and concern over bioterrorism; the expanding effects of tobacco use and substance abuse; and many others. Other prominent issues involve the needs of developing countries: the role of health in development policy; affordable access to medicines; developing new drugs for diseases of the South; and the pervasive problem of financing. Public health is also a laboratory of international governance: significant innovations include public-private partnerships, a global financing organization, and a major role for private philanthropy. In this seminar we will consider several of these important issues and institutions through the lenses of international relations and international law. Students in the seminar will prepare final papers on particular problems, institutions or bodies of law, and will present their research in class. Hopefully, groups of students working in related areas can coordinate their research and presentations. Grading will be based on the final papers, the presentations, and general class participation. A limited number of students may be able to prepare 2- or 3-draft papers with permission.

PPTYTORTH 662 Copyright and Free Speech (2-3 Credit Hours) When copyright law was first enacted in 1790, the maximum term was 28 years. Now it can exceed 100 years. Authors were originally free to build upon, reference, comment upon, or parody previous works. Today authors can be sued if they merely appropriate themes or storylines from earlier works, and composers may be liable if their work creates an "impression of similarity" with previous work. Speech-protective limitations on copyright, such as the rule that original expression is protected but ideas are not, the privilege of de minimis copying, and the privilege of "fair use", have all been weakened. These developments have produced an enormous literature debating whether the purposes of copyright have somehow been distorted. It has produced a smaller literature considering the tension between copyright and free speech. This seminar will consider both of these bodies of literature, and attempt to bring them to bear on one another. Readings will include some general introduction to both copyright and free speech, and some of the following: Neil Netanel, Copyright’s Paradox (2008). Eldred v. Ashcroft, 537 U.S. 186 (2003). Golan v. Holder, Jed Rubenfeld, The Freedom of Imagination: Copyright’s Constitutionality, 112 Yale L. J. 1 (2002). Andrew Koppelman, Veil of Ignorance: Tunnel Constructivism in Free Speech Theory, 107 Nw. U. L. Rev. 647 (2013). Kembrew McLeod & Peter DiCola, Creative License: The Law and Culture of Digital Sampling (2011). Anupam Chander & Madhavi Sunder, Everyone’s a Superhero: A Cultural Theory of Mary Sue Fan Fiction as Fair Use, 95 Cal. L. Rev. 597 (2007). Madhavi Sunder, IP3, 59 Stan. L. Rev. 257 (2006). Anupam Chander & Madhavi Sunder, The Romance of the Public Domain, 92 Cal. L. Rev. 1331 (2004). Lawrence Lessig, Free Culture: The Nature and Future of Creativity (2005). Jack M. Balkin, The Future of Free Expression in a Digital Age, 36 Pepperdine L. Rev. 707 (2009). Jack M. Balkin, Digital Speech and Democratic Culture: A Theory of Freedom of Expression for the Information Society, 79 N.Y.U. L. Rev. 1 (2004). And work by some of the following: Rebecca Tushnet

PPTYTORT 664 Information Privacy Seminar (1.25 Credit Hours) May 25, 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) goes into effect. US Companies and lawmakers are wildly unprepared, relying on outdated enforcement mechanisms and vows of companies who flout data protection. Global issues of surveillance and propaganda are daily news. Widespread use of AI in decision-making, revenge porn and deepfakes are commonplace. States react quickly, passing legislation which mimics GDPR and lights a fire under technology companies to lobby for Federal legislation to provide a preemption cover. How did we get here? This course will examine the tension between opposing approaches to privacy; how these laws came into being and some of their disparate, intended and unintended consequences.

PPTYTORT 665 Design Law (3 Credit Hours) This course focuses on the legal protection of design. Design implicates a number of different intellectual property regimes such as design patent, trade dress, and copyright to pictorial, graphic and sculptural works. Design patent law, which is not taught in the intellectual property survey and patent law courses, is covered in detail in this course. The course addresses design protection in the United States and internationally, including the sui generis EU Community Design Protection.

PPTYTORT 667 Environmental Justice Seminar (3 Credit Hours) Low-income communities of color remain disproportionately exposed to environmental harm. This course will consider the political, social, economic and legal roots of environmental injustice and evaluate the applicability of civil rights, housing, health and environmental laws to challenge these disparities. We will consider political and social movements and the role that they are playing in advancing environmental justice. Current environmental problems facing communities in the greater Chicago area, as well as regional and national environmental problems, will provide important case studies for our discussions. We also will analyze statutes, case law, and scholarly pieces across social science, public health, and legal fields. The role of lawyers working in community will also be discussed throughout the semester and community members and other guests will join us to share important perspectives. Additional Course Information: Satisfies Experiential Learning degree req

PPTYTORT 668 Practicum: Health Law (4 Credit Hours) The goal of this Practicum is to introduce students to the legal, regulatory and ethical landscape applicable to the health care industry. The topics include a variety of legal and ethical issues that are relevant to the practice of health law including: regulatory law, fraud and abuse, not-for-profit governance and tax exemption, M&A, risk assessment and mitigation, and the political preferences and power of physicians, hospitals, and pharmaceutical companies. This course/ seminar will build on the introductory health law, and explore selected current health policy issues. Some possible topics: How many people file for bankruptcy because they are uninsured and have large medical bills? How many people die or suffer disability because they don’t have health insurance? Does a cap on damages in medical malpractice lawsuits reduce healthcare spending (on “defensive medicine”) or attract physicians to a state that adopts such a cap? Do nonprofit hospitals behave differently than for-profit hospitals and if so, how? U.S. healthcare is uniquely expensive, by world standards. Is it also high quality, or only very expensive? How does public reporting of hospital quality measures affect quality? How will the Affordable Care Act (ACA) change the healthcare landscape? Will the health insurance exchanges created by the ACA survive, or fall into a death spiral? Can “alternative payment models” replace or supplement traditional “fee for service” healthcare? What do these models look like, and what results have they achieved? Many of these questions are empirical - theory does not provide a simple answer. This offering is designed as a cross between a regular course and a seminar. Students will have three options, as the basis for the course grade: (i) take a final exam; (ii) write a research paper on a healthcare policy topic of your choice; or (iii) develop readings for one of
the course weeks, and provide an overview of those readings to the class. I envision an interactive, "seminar style" class focus. Prerequisites: None. Some prior knowledge of health law would be helpful, but is not required. Evaluations: Final grades for the course will be determined based on class participation (20%) and your choice of one of the three options noted above (80%), presentation, and a final paper. Students are required to submit the paper by the end of the final exam period. Class Protocol: Students are expected to attend all classes and actively participate in class discussions. During class, laptops should be closed, and cell phones should be off or on vibrate mode. Course Materials: There are no required textbooks for this course. Readings will be posted on Canvas.

PPTYTORT 674 Intellectual-Property Strategy and Business Implications for Companies (1.25 Credit Hours) This course focuses on intellectual property issues faced by companies. Each class covers different aspects of intellectual property and the business implications for the company. The topics will include the establishment of a patent program, intellectual-property licensing, intellectual-property issues during mergers and acquisitions, responding to patent infringement assertions, interactions with standard setting organizations, managing a trademark portfolio and protecting a brand, and managing patent litigation. When appropriate, the course provides interactive exercises that simulate scenarios commonly faced by companies. Guest speakers are invited to provide the benefit of their perspectives and experiences on the various topics. Additional Course Information: Satisfies Experiential Learning degree req

PPTYTORT 675 Introduction to Health Law (2 Credit Hours) This is a survey course of the health law issues and principles that health care lawyers are likely to encounter in their professional careers. An important focus of the course is the role of law in promoting healthcare quality, accountability, access and efficiency. Prodded by the call to deliver value-based care and changes in reimbursement, hospitals now routinely engage in contracting, joint venturing (such as forming accountable care organizations), and employing physicians. Associated with these changing relationships are governing legal principles that will be explored in this course. The law regulates quality in healthcare delivery mostly through a state system of licensure and through common law principles that compensate patients for certain harms. Thus, we will discuss licensure regulation and the tort liability of healthcare professionals and organizations. Because most hospitals are not-for-profit and enjoy a tax exempt status, we will cover the tax rules for maintaining that status. Also, healthcare providers rely on government reimbursement and students will learn the fraud and abuse rules that police the integrity of that reimbursement. The United States has expanded access to healthcare through Affordable Care Act public programs that this course explores. However, healthcare reform largely relies upon consumer choice and private competitive provider and health insurer markets. Accordingly, we will discuss antitrust in healthcare and students will learn about the ways antitrust is applied to preserve competition. Finally, the law regulates clinical research, medical records and patient confidentiality, and decisions about death and dying. These matters too will be discussed in the course. The course utilizes a casebook entitled Health Law, 7th Edition, by Furrow, et al. This course is co-listed by the Kellogg School of Management as HIMT 451-0. The class is ten weeks in duration for MBA candidates. This class will meet for 13 weeks; following the law school schedule.

PPTYTORT 676 Health Care and Organizations (2-3 Credit Hours) This course will provide an overview of our health care delivery system and the legal issues arising in connection with the evolving efforts of government and the private sector to make it more affordable, efficient and effective. These legal issues will be explored in the context of prevalent and emerging organizational structures for health care delivery and finance, with an emphasis on models for payer, hospital and physician provider business relationships and structures, managed healthcare contracting and network development and joint ventures among providers at various levels within the health care delivery system. Federal and state developments under the umbrella of federal Health Care Reform legislation will be considered. Students will not only be afforded the opportunity to understand significant substantive components of health law (including the impact of existing and developing federal and state regulations), but also will become familiar with current industry and professional responses to current trends and be exposed to a variety of organizational and transactional health care delivery and finance structural models in use and under consideration.

PPTYTORT 682 Intellectual Capital Management (3 Credit Hours) In the information age, ideas and innovation are becoming the principal drivers of economic growth and competitive advantage. In this context, the agile management of intellectual capital can be the difference between survival and extinction. While knowledge of property and corporations is an important part of intellectual capital management, an understanding of legal doctrine without a larger strategic plan for how it should be used, combined, and integrated into business models does not adequately prepare businesses to tackle the challenge. The goal of this course is to provide the complementary strategic planning skills necessary to harness the full power of intellectual property and to also understand when and how non-proprietary models may add value for a business. Using business case studies drawn from a variety of industries, the course develops a "value articulation" heuristic as a vehicle for planning optimal intellectual capital strategies. The heuristic adopts a "lifecycle" approach to intellectual capital management, which includes: the creation and protection of intellectual property; the transference of this property (whether protected by patent, copyright or trade secret) to trade dress, design patents and/or trademarks; the translation of the resulting intellectual capital to other product types (derivative, complementary, next-generation, etc.); and its transportation across the product chain as a vital part of strategic value chain management. While the course builds on intellectual property, knowledge of this topic is not a prerequisite. For those who are knowledgeable in intellectual property, the course operates as a complement addressing how businesses can and do strategically manage intellectual assets as an aspect of their larger intellectual capital management strategies. Teaching Method: Industry specific examples will be investigated through a series of business case studies, typical of the type used to examine business management. The insight of students who have had experience with intellectual capital is encouraged. The class will be divided into 10 teams for purposes in-class discussion of assigned case studies and for drafting of a final paper and presentation. Comprehensive PowerPoint presentations will be provided for all classes. Method of Evaluation: The final grade will be based 40% on class discussion and 60% on a final paper which will be presented during the last two class sessions. It is possible to use the final paper to fulfill writing requirements. Students can elect to do either 1, 2 or 3 draft papers, with any three-draft paper requiring an extended version of the team paper.

PPTYTORT 683 Water Law (3 Credit Hours) This seminar examines the legal regime that governs the allocation and management of surface and ground water in the United States and on international rivers and aquifers. The class will cover the two basic allocation regimes in the United States -- riparian rights and prior appropriation -- and a variety of current topics. These include the capacity of the legal system to adapt to global climate change, the emergence of a human right to water, disputes among states as to water rights, the impact of environmental laws on the right to divert water, the management of the Great Lakes, and the special rights of Indian Tribes. Class grade will be based on class
The aim is threefold: First, to survey some of the most interesting recent developments in the legal services space; second, to look closely at how law and legal practice is being reshaped in a world of major technological, social, and economic change and of global impact. Work in this seminar will satisfy the Law School writing requirement. Students who would like to complete the 2 draft writing requirement and earn one additional credit hour in this course will be able to self-enroll in the associated LAWRT 603 Section 39 course section (class nbr 30658) during open enrollment January 4, 2016-February 5, 2016.

PPTYTORT 688 Health Law (3 Credit Hours) Health Law is a survey course intended to provide an overview of the theory, structure, financing, regulation, and ethics of the U.S. health care system, along with reform proposals and comparisons to international systems. Topics include issues of whether there is a right to health care; health care access, cost and quality control; Medicare and Medicaid; health care contracts; advance directives; and federal health plans vs. private health coverage.

Additional Course Information: Counts toward Law and Social Policy Concentration

PPTYTORT 690 Admiralty Law (2-3 Credit Hours) Admiralty law covers a wide range of subjects. This course will provide an introduction to several of the most important: carriage of goods; personal injuries to maritime workers; arrest of ships and maritime liens. This course will emphasize multi-party litigation and choice of law, themes that permeate admiralty law and many other branches of the law. If you have not taken a course in conflicts of law, do not be concerned. No prior background in choice of law is necessary for this course, which will include a full orientation to choice of law in an international setting. For our class meetings, you will read selected cases, statutes, and other texts, and you will consider assigned problems, which we shall discuss in the class meetings. For some of these problems, you will be asked to submit a brief written response before the class session that takes up the problem. I’ll ask you to purchase a modestly priced statutory supplement to one of the leading casebooks, but the other materials will be provided on-line. Your final grade will be based on class participation, the short written assignments, and a final exam. The final exam will consist of one or two problems similar in scope to the problems considered in the class sessions. As an alternative to a final exam, you can write a paper on a topic and in a format to be mutually agreed upon between you and me. Students who choose the paper option may satisfy the graduation writing requirement with professor’s permission.

PPTYTORT 693 Health and Human Rights (2.5 Credit Hours) This course, open to Law, Kellogg and Public Health students explores whether there is a human right to health, and if so, what that entails. The course also engages students, working in inter-disciplinary teams, in the Northwestern Access to Health Project, a global, community-based partnership. This year, the Access to Health Project will partner with NGOs Elman Peace and the Near East Foundations on initiatives at the intersection of climate change, human rights, and development in communities in Somalia and Mali. This course meets on the Quarter Calendar. Additional Course Information: Class dates follow University Quarter Schedule.

PPTYTORT 694 Advanced Topics in Health and Human Rights (2-3 Credit Hours) This seminar furthers the ongoing work of the Northwestern Access to Health Project in Nigeria and a new project in Lebanon. In
partnership with the Feinberg School of Medicine and the University of Lagos, students will develop curricula for partner communities in Lagos on health and health-related entitlements, and explore how to implement interventions identified and proposed during the assessment phase of the work in Nigeria. Students focused on Lebanon will research health and justice access issues applicable to Syrian refugee communities in northern Lebanon. Additional seminar topics will include cutting-edge issues of health and human rights today, including the Zika virus and the opioids epidemic. Evaluation Method: Grading in the course will be based on classroom participation (25%) and a research paper of the student's own choosing, approved by the instructor in advance (75%). Prerequisite: Health and Human Rights or advance permission of the professor. Provided the subject matter of the paper is appropriate, students may write multiple draft papers for additional credit or for the graduation writing requirement. Students who would like to complete the 2 draft writing requirement and earn one additional credit hour in this course will be able to self-enroll in the associated LAWWRT 602 course section 56, class number 18883 during open enrollment. Students who would like to complete the 3 draft requirement and earn one additional credit hour in this course will need to submit a request for approval via the Writing Requirement form on the Registration and Records Registration page to obtain professor permission. The professor may limit the number of 3 drafts allowed in this course. Students may submit this request during open enrollment.

PPTYTORT 695 Innovation Law (2-3 Credit Hours) This seminar starts from the assumption that innovation is a central policy concern of our times. A number of areas of law concern or affect innovation, such that many academics consider that there is an emerging body of 'innovation law' arising therefrom. The seminar will test the extent to which innovation is adequately and coherently factored across these areas of law, and hence whether 'innovation law' is truly emerging. We will start with a review of innovation literature in economics, business, sociology and science and technology, in order to gain a fuller understanding of innovation, and to develop a model of innovation for the purposes of legal analysis. Against that backdrop, we will then dedicate a number of courses to examining how innovation is integrated in the law in areas such as intellectual property, antitrust, economic regulation, standardization or public procurement. We will also look at the interplay between innovation and public policy (such as safety, health, environment or consumer protection): is there "good" and "bad" innovation? What can public policy instruments do to foster the former and steer away from the latter? Teaching Methods: Class Participation, Discussion and Lecture Evaluation Methods: Essay. Students who would like to complete the 2 draft OR 3 draft writing requirement and earn one additional credit hour in this course will be able to self-enroll in the associated LAWWRT 602 or 603 section (cannot enroll in both) during open enrollment January 3, 2017-February 3, 2017. 2 draft class #30807 3 draft class #30829.

PPTYTORT 801-L Property (3 Credit Hours) This mandatory course introduces students to concepts of property and focuses on topics relating to real property, intangible property, and real estate law. The Concepts of Property course is a survey course that explores legal relationships that arise in varied contexts of property ownership and in property disputes. The Real Property portion of the Concepts of Property gives an overview of the law of real property. It explores the original acquisition of entitlements to property; different theories of justification for the institution and distribution of property; the Anglo-American system of estates in land; the law of trespass and nuisance; private and public mechanisms of land use control; landlord-tenant law; and public regulation of property, including housing discrimination and eminent domain.

PPTYTORT 802E Torts (1.5 Credit Hours) This course is for Executive LLM students. This course covers basic doctrine in the major areas of U.S. Tort Law. Among the topics covered are an introduction to Tort Law, including the influence of insurance, Intentional Torts, Negligent Torts, and Strict and Product Liability.

PPTYTORT 803E Torts II (1.5 Credit Hours) This course is for Executive LLM students. This course is a continuation and expansion of Topics in Tort Law. The course will include deeper coverage of a number of topics introduced in the Topics in Tort Law course. In the area of intentional torts, we will pick up some additional intentional torts such as intentional infliction of emotional distress and trespass. We will also explore some additional defenses such as defense of property and necessity. A great deal of the course will address additional issues in the law of negligence. First, we will examine in depth a basic tenet of tort law, the "reasonable person standard. We will also explore some additional issues that arise in proving negligence, including custom and multiple defendants. Although causation has been introduced we will look more deeply at the difference between "cause-in-fact" and "proximate cause." Finally, we will look at some of the issues relating to premises liability, focusing on the traditional categories of trespasser, licensee, and invitee and will look at how contemporary tort law has moved away from those categories. During class meetings, students will have lectures accompanied by power point presentations on the topics listed above, classroom questions on the material covered. and practice exam questions.

PPTYTORT 804E Property (2.5 Credit Hours) This course is an introduction to the law of real property. It explores the original acquisition of entitlements to property; different theories of justification for the institution and distribution of property; the Anglo-American system of estates in land; the law of trespass and nuisance; private and public mechanisms of land use control; landlord-tenant law; and public regulation of property, including housing discrimination and eminent domain.

PPTYTORT 850-L Intellectual Property (2 Credit Hours) This course will introduce the laws that create and delimit property rights in intangible goods such as inventions, expressive works, brand identifiers, or information. Collectively, these laws are known as "intellectual property law," an umbrella term which includes patent law, copyright law, trademark law, trade secret law, among other areas. The course will include discussion of the constitutional, statutory, and common law bases for the IP laws, as well as the competing policies underlying the laws.

PPTYTORT 850I Environmental Law (2 Credit Hours) In this course, we will consider various legal regimes governing human relationships with the environment. We begin with longstanding principles of the common law and then expand to consider the major federal statutes that have come to dominate the field. Drawing on principles of ethics, ecology, economics, and the science of risk assessment, we will analyze the regulatory regimes governing air and water pollution, hazardous waste, and toxics. We will study some of the most hot-button issues in the field, including the range of possible responses to climate change, informational approaches to regulation, and the enforcement of environmental statutes through citizen suits. We will also learn the practical, problem-solving art of lawyering in this complex and fascinating field.