

Syllabus
Introduction to Intellectual Property
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Final Examination Date: TBA

Final Exam Instructions: The exam will be an open book exam. You will be permitted to use your casebook, your Statutory Commercial Codebook, and any outline or notes that you have prepared. You will not be permitted to use any commercially prepared materials such as commercial outlines, nutshells, etc.

IF YOU ARE A GRADUATING STUDENT YOU MUST PLACE A AG@ BEFORE YOUR EXAM NUMBER, BOTH ON THE TEST ENVELOPE AND ON ALL YOUR EXAMINATION BOOKLETS. IF YOU FAIL TO DO THIS YOUR EXAM WILL NOT BE GRADED IN SUFFICIENT TIME TO ALLOW YOU TO GRADUATE.

Details on Computing Class Participation Points: Class participation will count for up to 10 points of your grade, with the remaining points to be determined from your performance on the final paper. **Chronic un-preparedness will reduce your final grade by as much as 5 points.**

The Law School Attendance Policy will be strictly enforced. Regular and punctual class attendance is required. A student's absences must not exceed 25% of the regularly scheduled class meetings. Late arrival to, and/or early departure from class will constitute an absence for purposes of recording attendance. **You are responsible for all information announced in this syllabus and/or in class; e-mail and similar requests that such announcements be repeated will not be acknowledged or otherwise responded to.**

On Cheating: Please read the "Academic Code of Conduct," which is published in the "H-Book," and the "Student Reference Manual and Directory of Classes."

Incompletes: The University policy regarding Incompletes will control in this matter.

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COURSE OBJECTIVES:

This course examines the body of jurisprudence that delineates the legal rights and relationships that arise in connection with the development, use, and protection of the four major forms of intellectual property. In addition to exploring the common law and statutory framework that embodies the copyright, patent, trade secret, and trademark laws, the course also emphasizes the social policy objectives of intellectual property protection, including the stimulation of creative enterprise and the beneficial dissemination of new achievements. Students are especially encouraged to consider the unique questions that arise in connection with the application of traditional intellectual property principles to new technologies, including any special implications for the African American community and similarly dis-empowered or disenfranchised groups.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Paul Goldstein, *Copyright, Patent, Trademark and Related State Doctrines*, (Foundation Press Revised Fifth Ed.)

Casebook and Supplemental Reading Assignments:

Part I

Part II (Section III only)

Part III (Omit Patent pages 424-34; 442-62; 492-509; Copyright pages 637-73; 702-14; 734-47)

Supplemental Materials: to be distributed in class