Seminar Syllabus – Privacy Law
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Thursdays at 10:00 – 11:50 AM, 354 HOL

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This seminar will evaluate the development and current status of the law related to the privacy of individuals. This seminar will analyze the evolution of protection of personal information under the law and personal autonomy under the law and constitution. The course textbook is PRIVACY: THE LOST RIGHT by JON L. MILLS (Oxford Univ. Press, 2008).

Additionally, the efficacy of constitutional, tort and statutory remedies will be evaluated. Readings will include selected cases and articles.

The seminar will include a written research paper and an oral presentation to the class. We will be using guideline for Advanced Writing Certificate which is: 25 pages (exclusive of footnotes) on Letter-sized paper, 12-point Times New Roman, 1 inch margins (top, bottom & sides), and double-spaced text.

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08/20/15 Week #1 – History and Perspective page 1 - 27

Griswold v. Connecticut, 381 U.S. 479 (1965)

08/27/15 Week #2- Defining Privacy in Today’s Society page 27 - 77

Supplemental readings:
Olmstead v. United States, 277 U.S. 438 (1928) (Brandeis, J. dissenting)
Whalen v. Roe, 429 U.S. 589 (1977)
State v. Rolling, 22 Med.L.Rep. 2264 (Fla. 8th Cir. Ct. 1994)

09/03/15 Week #3 – Global Privacy Issue page 77 - 105
09/10/15  Week #4 – Legal Tools – The Constitution  page 105 - 130

Supplemental readings:
Loving v. Virginia, 388 U.S. 1 (1967)
Bartnicki v. Vopper, 532 U.S. 514 (2001) - focus on Rehnquist dissent

09/17/15  Week #5 – Statutes & State Protection  page 130 - 170

09/24/15  Week #6 – Discussion on Torts  page 170 - 194

Supplemental readings:
Intrusion upon Seclusion
Plaxico v. Michael, 735 So.2d 1036 (Miss. 1999)

Public Disclosure of Private Facts
Cason v. Basin, 20 So.2d 243 (Fla. 1945)

False Light

Appropriation of Name or Likeness
Tyne v. Time Warner Entertainment, 336 F.3d 1286 (11th Cir. 2003)

10/01/15  Week #7 – Other Tools  page 194 - 223

10/08/15  Week #8 – Why Tools are Failing & Worst Case Scenarios  page 223 - 265

Waits v. Frito-Lay, Inc., 978 F.2d 1093 (9th Cir. 1992)

10/15/15  Week #9 – Strategies  page 269 - 301

10/22/15, 10/29/15, 11/05/15, 11/12/15 and 11/19/15

Week #10 to #14  Students Presentation