INTRODUCTORY LAW (LWGL)

LWGL 0105. Legal Process and Quantitative Methods for Lawyers. (1 Credit)

Legal Process will teach new law students about cases, statutes, and other sources of law, with emphasis on common law reasoning and how law develops. Students will be introduced to court structures and the litigation process, as well as fundamental concepts of law and legal argument. Legal Writing and Legal Practice will introduce students to certain essential lawyering skills.

In Quantitative Methods, we will consider the legal problems that the pharmaceuticals manufacturer Merck & Company faced as a result of its sales of Vioxx, a prescription pain medicine that allegedly caused heart attacks and strokes. We will look at Merck's legal problems through a series of analytical frameworks that lawyers, judges, lawmakers, and regulators find useful in evaluating legal problems. Those frameworks are basic supply and demand, cost-benefit analysis, the time value of money and risk assessment, and accounting principles and financial statements. What these frameworks have in common is that they make use of numbers: dollars and cents, as well as percentages, discount rates, and probabilities.

Attribute: JD.

LWGL 0299. United States Law and Legal Institutions. (3 Credits)

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Sept. 8, 10:00am-4:15pm
NO CLASS 9/15 (Prof is out of town)
Sept. 22, 10:10am-12:40pm
Sept. 29, 10:10am-12:40pm
Oct. 6, 10:10am-12:40pm
NO CLASS Oct. 13 (COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND)
Oct. 20, 10:10am-12:40pm
Oct. 27, 10:10am-12:40pm
Nov. 3, 10:10am-12:40pm
Nov. 10, 10:10am-12:40pm
Nov. 17, 10:10am-12:40pm
Nov. 24, 10:10am-12:40pm
NO CLASS THANKSGIVING WEEKEND
TAKE HOME EXAM DEC. 7, 9:00 a.m. through DEC. 8, 11:59 p.m.

LWGL 0708. House Meeting. (0 Credits)

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