COURSE NAME: Defamation, Privacy, Relation & Emotional Torts

COURSE NUMBER: 8513

PROFESSOR: Nancy Levit

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES: Torts I

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITES:


METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE:

The grade will be based on a final examination. I reserve the right to bump grades for exceptional class performance.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:

This course focuses on word torts, emotional injuries, and torts stemming from relational duties of care. Defamation topics covered will include private and public official and public figure plaintiffs, as well as tactical aspects of defamation actions and privileges. Privacy torts explored will be false light, public disclosure of private facts, intrusion on seclusion, and appropriation of name or likeness. The majority of the course will involve coverage of special or limited duties of care arising from contractual or professional relationships (such as medical and legal malpractice), landowner liability, sexual harassment in employment, familial and governmental immunities, prenatal injuries, negligent infliction of emotional distress, as well as theories of vicarious liability for the torts of others.
COURSE CONTENT:  See above.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES:

This course covers bar-tested material and is the most like an upper-division Torts survey course.

The class satisfies 25% of the professional skills requirement, because we will be doing a variety of skills exercises in class.