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Syllabus

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Instructor: Adjunct Professor Seamus Vytautas McCheese, IV (recognized by my unvarying uniform of polo shirt, Docker's, brand-spanking-new "pump" athletic shoes, and nose-ring).

Office Hours: Mondays 8:00 to 8:15 a.m. or by appointment. Or just drop by anytime my door is closed.

Class Times: In months that begin with a consonant, class meets Mon. at 10.00 a.m. in LL; Wed. at 10:15 a.m. in C2; Fri. at 10:05 a.m. in the Atrium. In months that begin with a vowel, class meets Tues. at 9:50 a.m. in LL; Thurs. at 9:15 a.m. in LL; Fri. at 9:15 p.m. at The Parrot. (Legislative Days will be ignored completely.)

Required Texts:

1. THE LAW FIRM, by that guy, paperback \$9.95.
2. Lawyering and Society Supplement, Volumes 1-4, by McCheese, may be purchased at Nuevo Cashcow Bookstore after credit check, signing of Promissory Note, and filing of UCC-1 Financing Statement and with Florida Secretary of State. Price is negotiable.
3. The Importance of Being Liberal in the Classroom Environment, by the Politically Correct Press, Academia, NC, 1992, hardcover deluxe edition \$149.95.
4. Maximizing Billable Hours While Minimizing Time Spent at the Office, Professor Lekso, Computer Disk: \$19.95.

* Dan McGurn has great hopes to be a law school professor. If he achieves this goal, I would like to make use of this syllabus.

Recommended Text: Restatement Second of the Guild System. (Useless, but the bookstore will screw up, tell you it's a required text, and refuse to issue you a refund when you discover the truth.)

Required Viewing: *L.A. Law*, *Law & Order*, *Matlock*, *Reasonable Doubts*, *Civil Wars*, *Wall Street Week with Louis Rukeyser*, *Adam Smith's Money World*, *Seinfeld*, and *The Hat Squad*.

Recommended Viewing: *Paper Chase*, *Perry Mason*, any lawyer movie or TV series in syndication, and *Ren & Stimpy*.

Final Exam: Is a take-home and is attached.

Course Rules and Regulations:

Article I: Jokes made about fellow students on the basis of age, race, sex, sexual orientation, creed, religion, color of skin, skin condition, state of origin, metaphysical philosophy, alma mater, unusual accent, or bad haircut WILL NOT BE TOLERATED, unless it's funny to them, too.

Article II: All students will be addressed by the instructor as "You, with the fraternity/sorority keg party T-shirt," or "What's your name . . . I'll remember it next time for sure," or "You, with the sunglasses." The instructor will be addressed as "Your Honor," or "My Lord," or "Oh Most Learned One." No exceptions.

Article III: Perpetuation of inane collegiate football rivalries during class time will result in the student's grade being lowered one-half letter grade. Duke University basketball fans get extra credit. Students with sardonic wit are excused from the final exam and get an A for the course.

Article IV: During class, no one may leave to go to the lavatory or get a snack or for any reason whatsoever. Beepers will be checked at the door and stomped upon by that ex-hockey player who sits in the back of the room.

Article V: Stupid questions will be met with the instructor's blank stare, followed by the comment, "You must be kidding me!" This is certain to inspire your classmates to talk about you behind your back, ending with you being made the object of ridicule at cocktail parties for years to come.

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Article VI: Students caught packing their books up two or three minutes before class ends will be required to memorize the entire restatement of Torts and/or subject to American Bar Association sanctions such as a \$10,000/year salary cut (presuming you ever actually gain employment in the legal field) and 25 hours/week pro bono work FOR LIFE.

Article VII: Alteration of the instructor's hypotheticals is strictly limited to people in the lowest 10 per cent of their graduating class.

Curricula: The first half of the semester will be devoted to deconstruction of traditional law school educational techniques. The second half will be devoted to practical advocacy. (The second half will be taught by guest lecturers, as this professor has never actually had any practical advocacy experience.)

CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

1. Introduction: Read Supplement Volume 1, pages 1-278, skip 12, 43-45, 50, 52, 54, and 112.
2. Parallels between socratic method and fourth-grade teacher's pet syndrome, or "Why do the same 3 people who own all the study aids and old course outlines always answer the Professor's questions?"
Supp. Vol. 1, pages 279-mid 559 (odd only) and page 12.
3. Browbeating, Intimidation, Haranguing & Harassment vs. Being Friendly and Encouraging Students to Enjoy Law School Because Hey, They're Paying Over 15 Grand a Year
Supp. Vol. 1, pages mid 559-end, Vol. 2, all.
4. Pontification: Pros and Cons (lecture only, no class participation allowed)
Supp. Vol. 1, page 50, reread pages 2-47.
5. Palsgraf: Who Cares, Anyway? (Read Handout).
6. Smushees, Deep Pockets, and Purchasing a Range Rover
Supp. Vol. 3, pages 1-149 (page 105 lightly).

8. Filling Out Time Sheets
Supp. Vol. 3, Appendix A-1 and Lekso disk.
9. Film: *Pretty Woman*
[No reading for remainder of course].
10. Creative Finance for the New Millennium: What's Old Is New Again
(taping of this class is not allowed)
Guest Panel: Charles Keating, Michael Milken, Neil Bush.
11. Choosing Malpractice Insurance.
12. Administration of Swiss and Off-shore Bank Accounts.
13. Survey of White Collar, Minimum Security Prisons.
14. What to do when relatives, friends, or people you've just met at a wedding, ask you for free legal advice regarding areas of law that you know absolutely nothing about.
15. Former Vice President Quayle's Recent Turnabout Respecting Lawyers and Litigation. Not! (If we have time.)

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Final Exam: (Take-home) Self-timed Limit: 3 Hours

Instructions:

1. Chill out. You've paid good money to get this far, and I'm not trying to confuse or trick you too much.
2. Drink a couple of those big 7-11 coffees before you begin.
3. You may type, double-spaced, or write in illegible chicken scratch.
4. This exam is due no later than May 1st at midnight.
5. Students handing in an exam way too early will receive an F for the course. Don't ask me to define "way too early."
6. Cheating by collaboration is encouraged: you people know who you are.

I. Remember, it's sexy to be a Democrat now. Write a limerick blaming every negative thing that you can think of on Ronald & Nancy Reagan or George Bush or the Republican party in general. Use of Dan Quayle should be limited to his public misstatements. Meter counts. Somehow tie law into it.
(135 points)

II. Please regurgitate everything you have learned in this course. Parrotting of buzzwords, catch phrases, and the instructor's pet euphemisms is strongly recommended. Avoid alliteration; I hate it when people do that. Absolutely no parentheticals (please!), and passive voice should not be used. Use of case cites is not necessary but you won't get any credit for your answer if you don't impress me with your ability to remember everything you've ever read or heard.
(45 points)