## Syllabus 2013 Introduction to American Law M W 2:30-4:00 p.m., Room \_\_\_

## Note: class meets M T TH F from 1:30-3:00 weeks of Aug. 12 and Aug. 19 March 18, 2013

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<b>Date</b>	<u>Topic</u>	<b>Assignment</b>
Aug. 12	Government Structure	Chap. I
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Aug. 15	Judicial System	Chap. V
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Aug. 19	Constitutional Law	Chap. IX
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Aug. 22	continued	
Aug. 23	continued	
Aug. 26	Contract Law	Chap. X
Aug. 28	continued	
Sept. 2	Labor Day Holiday no class	
Sept. 4	Tort Law	Chap. XI
Sept. 9	continued	
Sept. 11	Property Law	Chap. XII, Part 1,2
Sept. 16	continued	(pages 471-498)
Sept. 20	Mid-term exam Friday Time TBA	

Sept. 23	Legal Methodology	Chap. II
Sept. 25	Legal Methodology, cont.	
Sept. 30	Review Mid-term Exam	
Oct. 2	Adversary System & Jury Trials	Chap. III
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Oct. 9	Civil Procedure	Chap. VII
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Oct. 16	Dominguez v. Scott's	p. 1-40
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Oct. 23	continued	p. 86-129
Oct. 28	TBA	
Oct. 30	Criminal Procedure	Chap. VIII
Nov. 4	continued	
Nov. 8	Final Exam Friday Time TBA	

## Texts:

William Burnham's INTRODUCTION TO THE LAW AND LEGAL SYSTEM OF THE UNITED STATES, <u>Fifth</u> Edition, West <u>2011</u>. (references to "Chapters" above)

David Crump & Jeffrey B. Berman, THE STORY OF A CIVIL CASE: DOMINGUIZ V. SCOTT'S FOOD STORES, INC. Law Supplement Series, Third Edition, The John Marshall Publishing Company 2001 (references to "pages" above on Oct. 12, 17, 20) [This will be purchased later in the semester-I will advise you where to obtain a copy]