

Welcome to Torts

Agenda

Syllabus highlights

Small group exercise: *Litigating your first torts case*

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Recap

Syllabus highlights

Logistics

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Class schedule

Tuesdays & Thursdays

8:45am - 10:00am

Hall of the 70s

Open office hours

Tuesdays & Thursdays

2:00pm - 3:00pm

Outside the Robinson Moot Courtroom

Reading Assignments

Course website & Google calendar

Textbook

Franklin, Rabin & Green, Tort Law and Alternatives: Cases and Materials (11th ed. 2021)

Class Technology

Laptop policy

Course Website

Recordings & Slides

Video

Audio with transcripts

Slides

Class Policies

Attendance

Preparation and participation

Classroom Norms

Professionalism

Generosity

We can give each other
the opportunity to be wrong.

We can disagree with ideas,
not with people.

Accommodations

Student Accessibility Services in the Office of Student Affairs

I want this class to be accessible for you.

Exams and Grading

Midterm Exam (Fall Semester): 25%

Final Exam (Spring Semester): 75%

Questions

In-Class Exercise

Logistics

Small groups of 4 or 5.

You will be lawyers for either the plaintiff or one of the potential defendants.

Be prepared to share with the class your strongest arguments.

The Facts

The Legal Questions

1. Who — if anyone — should be held liable for these injuries to the plaintiff?
2. What kind of remedy should the plaintiff receive?

Potential Defendants:

1. Thomas Jenner
2. Thomas Jenner's Doctor
3. General Motors

The Lawyers for the Plaintiff

Why should this defendant be held liable for the injuries to Maxine Hammontree?

What remedy does the defendant owe Ms. Hammontree?

The Lawyers for the Defendants

Why should your client not be held liable for the injuries to Maxine Hammontree?

If your client is found liable, what remedy should they owe Ms. Hammontree?

Explain your reasoning

You must appeal to some kind of general rule or principle that would apply in similar cases.

In-Class Scratchpad

On the course website, link is on the bottom of the left sidebar

<https://www.colin-doyle.net/torts/scratchpad/>

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Recap & Parting Thoughts