

275.3 Introduction to Intellectual Property
Fall 2014
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Schedule Notes and Initial Assignment

We will not meet in person during the first week of class. Our first class session will be on Wednesday, Sept. 3 (10:00-11:10 in Boalt Hall 100). In the meantime, you should get started on our work together by completing your first assignment. It will be posted on the course website by Monday, August 25. It will include a reading assignment from the course casebook: Merges, Menell & Lemley, *Intellectual Property in the New Technological Age* (6th edition, 2012), which you should acquire. On the website you will also have the opportunity to introduce yourselves to your classmates and engage in online discussion.

We will also not meet on Friday, Oct. 10; Thursday, Nov. 27 (Thanksgiving); or Friday, Nov. 28.

We will have special makeup sessions from 2:15 to 5:45 on Friday, Oct. 3, and Friday, Oct. 31 (both in Boalt Hall 110). The first of these sessions will feature a recap of trade secret and patent law, and viewing and discussion of an invention-themed movie ("Flash of Genius"). The second session will be an opportunity to review copyright law and preview the material for the remainder of the semester. I will solicit your questions in advance of these sessions to make them as helpful as possible.

I realize that these Friday afternoon sessions will not be convenient for everyone. The sessions will be videotaped and posted on our course website for those who cannot attend. And I will put the movie DVD on reserve in the library for you to watch on your own or with classmates. But if you want me to provide free pizza with your movie and Halloween candy with your copyright review, you will have to attend the Friday afternoon sessions in person.

Our end-of-semester review session will be on Wednesday, Dec. 3, 10-11:10 in Boalt 100.

Please contact me via email to msvh@law.berkeley.edu if you have any questions in advance of our first meeting.