

**SYLLABUS**

**Course No. 891-08  
Tuesday 3:50-5:30**

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**Office Hours**

Tuesday 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Thursday 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.  
If these hours are inconvenient, you may make an appointment to see me.

**Required Texts**

Stuart Minor Benjamin, Douglas Gary Lichtman, and Howard A. Shelanski, *Telecommunications Law and Policy*, (2001).

Stuart Minor Benjamin, Douglas Gary Lichtman, and Howard A. Shelanski, *Telecommunications Law and Policy 2005 Cumulative Supplement*, (2005).

Additional handouts will be distributed throughout the semester.

**Course Requirements**

There will be a paper assignment at the end of the course. There will not be a final examination. The topic of your paper may be related to any of the topics we discuss during the course, however, you will be required to obtain approval of your thesis. If you intend to satisfy the Upper Division Writing Requirement, your paper must be at least twenty-five (25) pages in length. If you do not intend to satisfy the Upper Division Writing Requirement, your paper must be at least fifteen (15) pages in length. A more detailed description of the paper requirements and the law school's Upper Division Writing Requirement Policy are attached.

A typed one-page statement of your thesis will be due on Tuesday, October 4, 2005.

A substantial draft of your paper will be due on Tuesday, October 25, 2005.

Your paper will be due December 6, 2005.

Additionally, you will be required to make an ungraded presentation to the class of your paper. Your presentation should be five to fifteen (5-15) minutes in length. The date of your presentation will be determined.

### **Attendance**

Attendance is mandatory and is governed by the policies of the law school. I will circulate a sign-in sheet at the beginning of each class meeting. Please notify me in advance if you must be absent from class. You are expected to be on time to class.

**COMMUNICATIONS LAW**  
**FALL, 2005**  
**PAPER REQUIREMENTS**  
**PROFESSOR REED-HUFF**

- TOPIC
- Your paper should be a legal analysis addressing any one of the topics we will discuss during the semester. You are free to choose any legal issue you find interesting within the confines of the covered topics.
- DUE DATE
- A typewritten statement of your paper thesis is due in class on Tuesday, October 4, 2005.
  - A substantial draft of your paper is due in class on Tuesday, October 25, 2005.
  - The final paper is due on Tuesday, December 6, 2005 by 5:00 p.m.
- LENGTH
- Your paper should be at least fifteen (15) pages in length.
  - If you intend to fulfill the Upper Division Writing Requirement, the minimum number of pages is twenty-five (25).
  - The total page count is exclusive of endnotes.
- FORMAT
- Use endnotes. Do not use footnotes.
  - The paper must have no more than one-inch margins all around.
  - Use a twelve (12) point Times New Roman font.
  - Number the pages.

## TOPIC AND ASSIGNMENT

- I.
  - Read Chapter One—An Introduction to Broadcast Regulation
  - Read Chapter Two—Why Regulate Broadcast?
  
- II.
  - Read Chapter Three—How We Regulate Broadcast
  - Read Chapter Twenty-three, pp. 951-978—Why An FCC?
  
- III.
  - Read Chapter Four—License Hearings at the FCC (1934-1998), pp. 81-111
  - Read Chapter Four—License Hearings at the FCC (1934-1998), pp. 111-138
  - Read Chapter Five—The Transition from Hearings to Auctions, pp. 139-155
  
- IV.
  - Read Chapter Six—The Fairness Doctrine and Related Obligations, pp. 157-324
  - Read Chapter Six—The Personal Attack and Political Editorial Rules, pp. 187-189
  - Read Chapter Six—Political Broadcasting, pp. 189-204
  - Read Chapter Six—Indecent Broadcasts, pp. 204-254 and Chapter Fourteen, pp. 567-602
  
- V.
  - Read Chapter Six—Indecent Broadcasts, pp. 204-254 and Chapter Fourteen, pp. 567-602
  - Read Chapter Six—Children’s Television, pp. 254- 278
  - Read Chapter Six—The V-Chip, pp. 239-253
  
- VI.
  - Read Chapter Nine—Cable Basics and the Early History, pp. 371-411
  - Read Chapter Ten—Rate Regulation and Local Franchise Authority, pp. 413-440
  - Guest speaker, Linda Ain, Esq.
  
- VII.
  - Read Chapter Eleven—The Broadcast/Cable Relationship, pp. 453-498
  
- VIII.
  - Read Chapter Twelve—Structural Limitations , pp. 499-539
  - Read Chapter Seven—Fostering Competition in Broadcasting, pp. 289-324
  
- IX.
  - Read Chapter Thirteen—Direct Broadcast Satellite pp. 541-566
  - Read Chapter Eight, Low Power Radio, pp. 325-367
  
- X.
  - The Internet

**Please note these additional dates:**

- September 13, 2005**           • Field Trip to WHAS-TV 4:00 p.m.  
Meet at 520 Chestnut Street
  
- September 27, 2005**           • Guest speaker, Linda Ain, Esq.
  
- October 4, 2005**               • Paper presentations
  
- October 11, 2005**           • Guest speaker, Ed Henson, Henson Media, Inc.
  
- October 18, 2005**           • Paper presentations (continued)
  
- October 25, 2005**           • Field Trip to Public Radio Partnership (WFPL, WUOL, WFPK)  
4 p.m.  
Meet at 619 S. Fourth Street

\* Additional handouts may be distributed throughout the semester.

\*\* A field trip and other activities may be included throughout the semester. Dates will be determined.

## Upper Division Writing Requirement

1. The writing requirement may be fulfilled by writing
  - a. a research paper in a seminar, or
  - b. a note capable of being published for the Brandeis Law Journal, or
  - c. a note or comment accepted for publication in another law review.

Drafting documents, such as complaints, depositions, trial memoranda, or estate plans, shall not fulfill the writing requirement.

2. With respect to seminar papers in fulfillment of the writing requirement:
  - a. to ensure that the topic of the paper provides an opportunity for substantial research, the teacher should either choose the topic or be actively involved in the choice of a topic;
  - b. to provide for an adequate educational experience, the student shall submit a draft of the paper which shall be reviewed by the teacher, whereupon a consultation between the teacher and the student shall be scheduled in which the draft is reviewed and suggestions for improvements made; and
  - c. the paper must not have been used in a previous course nor have been prepared for publication in a law review.
3. To meet the writing requirement, a paper or Brandeis Law Journal note or law review note or comment must span at least twenty-five (25) pages and must be supported by footnotes. A paper submitted in a seminar, as well as one submitted for journal publication, must be typed.
4. The person supervising the fulfillment of the writing requirement shall submit to the Student Records Office with the grades or otherwise at the end of each semester the names of the persons who have fulfilled the writing requirement, the title of the writing which was submitted in fulfillment thereof, and the grade therefore. A writing shall not satisfy the writing requirement unless the supervisor awards it a grade of "C" or higher. The Student Records Office shall note the fulfillment of the writing requirement, the title of the writing and the grade on each student's academic record.

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