**SYLLABUS, 2013: ECONOMICS 442: LAW AND ECONOMICS**

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Text: Richard Posner, *Economic Analysis of Law*, Aspen Law and Business, New York, Ninth Edition, 2014. Readings posted on Blackboard.

Midterm, March 19; Final, May 6, 8:00-10:30. The midterm and final will each count 50%. Old midterms and old finals are posted on Blackboard and will be used as review for the midterm and final. No make-ups will be given for the midterm; if you miss the midterm for *any* reason, the final will determine your grade. The Emory Honor Code applies. All exams MUST be taken in bluebooks**. Do NOT USE A HARD PENCIL**; soft pencil or pen only. BE SURE TO READ ALL QUESTIONS CAREFULLY. I do not take attendance but there is evidence that students who attend class earn better grades.

Posner is the basic text for the course. All additional readings posted on Blackboard.

Introduction: Posner, Chapters 1-2

Property: Posner, Chapter 3; Coase, “The Problem of Social Cost,” pp. 1-19, 42-44, article “Examining the Basis for Residential Recycling.”

Contract: Posner, Chapter 4; Bernstein, “Opting Out of the Legal System”; *Lochner* and *West Coast Hotel*

Family: Posner, Chapter 5

Tort: Posner, Chapter 6; Rubin, “Fundamental Reform of Tort Law;” Rubin and Shepherd, “Tort Reform and Accidental Deaths.”

MIDTERM

Criminal Law: Posner, Chapter 7; Dezhbakhsh, Rubin and Shepherd, “Does Capital Punishment Have a Deterrent Effect?”; Carter, “Law Puts Us All in Same Danger as Eric Garner.”

Common Law Process: Posner, Chapters 8, Chapter 21, pp. 773-789;

Common Law vs. Regulation: Posner, Chapters 14 and 20, p. 723-753

Additional topics: Posner, Chapter 17, 11, 28, 29, 9. 10

We may not complete this list of chapters, depending on how fast we go. You should read each chapter and also the questions at the end of the chapters.