

Cyberlaw

Spring 2008, Prof. Michael Risch

Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for this class. You may wish to look at “The Animated Internet” or “How Stuff Works” sites for background about how the internet works.

<http://www.learnthenet.com/english/animate/animate.htm>

<http://computer.howstuffworks.com/internet-channel.htm>

Class Days and Office Hours

Class will meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:00-3:15. We will not meet on 1/21.

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Books and Materials

Unless otherwise noted, all page numbers refer to Radin, et al., INTERNET COMMERCE: THE EMERGING LEGAL FRAMEWORK, **2nd** edition. I do not recommend that you buy a used 1st edition; much has changed in internet law in the four years since the 1st edition was published.

You should also buy the 2007 Supplement for the book.

The course website is:

<http://www.casesofinterest.com/tiki/tiki-index.php?page=Cyberlaw+Spring+2008>

You can access the page via the course’s TWEN page as well. The course page includes this syllabus and associated information, and may contain additional materials in the future.

Finally, we will be using PRS devices (“clickers”) during the course. Please see Keith Walton in the Library or Room 225 to obtain and register your clicker.

Assignments for First Two Weeks

All reading assignments include the applicable statute (available from several free online sources) and the corresponding readings from the 2007 Supplement.

1. What is Cyberlaw?/Regulation of the internet: 1-12, 20-27, 30-35, 37-53; Recommended: Appendix A
2. Jurisdiction: 326-356
3. Consumer protection: 290-316
4. Privacy: 390-395, 399-430