

Torts II

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COURSE MATERIALS AND ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASSES

Required Materials

The required text for this course is Dobbs, Hayden & Bublick, TORTS AND COMPENSATION: PERSONAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR INJURY (7th ed. 2013). *Be sure that you have the standard edition rather than the concise edition of the casebook.* Additional material will be assigned from time to time.

The course syllabus and class policies will be distributed on the first day of class. Topics for the semester include defenses to negligence, limited and expanded duties of care, negligently caused emotional harm, vicarious liability, strict liability, and tort liability for defective products. Depending on the pace of the class, we may also cover additional topics.

TWEN Page

All students in this course must register for Professor Cooper's TWEN page for Torts II §303.

Assignments for the First Week of Class

DEFENSES TO THE NEGLIGENCE CASE

Tuesday, January 5

About Defenses

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CHAPTER 9 FAULT OF THE PLAINTIFF

Contributory Negligence: The Common Law Rule

- 283-284

Adopting Comparative Fault Rules; Applying Comparative Fault Rules

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Thursday, January 7

All-or-Nothing Judgments After Comparative Fault

- 295-298

Allocating Full Responsibility to the Defendant in the Interests of Policy or Justice

- 298-303

Traditional Exceptions to the Contributory Negligence Bar

- 308-312

Welcome to Torts II!