

IT 820: Contemporary Problems in Information Technology Law
The John Marshall Law School
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SYLLABUS

Overview

The course will use John Marshall's annual International Competition in Information Technology and Privacy Law as a springboard to identify and examine current issues in IT and privacy law that are likely to face appellate courts in coming years. Students will survey the substantive problems that have been addressed in past competitions, identify potential problems for future competitions, and prepare formal appellate records and bench memoranda for such problems. The course will incorporate both in-person meetings and online interaction and collaboration.

The website for the course is located at www.informationtechnologylaw.com.

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Course requirements and grading

Course meetings will be scheduled in a manner that accommodates participants' schedules to the extent possible. Students are expected to attend these meetings and to communicate regularly with the instructor and one another between meetings.

Each student must complete three projects: (1) a survey of prior moot court competition problems; (2) a set of outlines of proposed future problems; and (3) one or more complete problems for use in future competitions. Specifications and due dates for each of these projects will be distributed separately. Students are also expected to share their drafts and ideas with other students and to participate actively in online discussions of their own and other students' work.

Grades will be determined based upon a weighted average, as follows: 15%, 30%, and 40% for the three projects, plus 15% for class participation.