The Catholic University of America
Columbus School of Law
Law 848: Regulation of Wireless Telecomm. Services
Mondays, 4:10 – 6:00 p.m.; Room 217
Spring 2010 Syllabus

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION:


Office Hours: One of the two professors will always be available immediately following class to discuss problems, questions, and issues that may arise during the semester. Students can also make appointments by e-mailing (or calling) the professors at the addresses listed above.

Class Attendance: Attendance is required. In accordance with Academic Rule V, absences are limited to no more than two hours of course work for each credit hour assigned to the course (two classes). If attendance problems are anticipated, including the frequent need to arrive late or depart early, please contact one of us before the end of the drop/add period.

Class Structure: Many classes will consist of two components. The first component consists of a review of the issues discussed in the assigned reading for that class. During the second component of our class time, guest speakers will offer presentations about various topics related to this course.

Assigned Reading: It is our experience that students who complete all of the assigned reading before each class are more likely to understand the complexities of this area of the law.

Westlaw/TWEN: We will be using the TWEN feature of Westlaw for the first time this semester. The syllabus, along with many of the reading assignments will be posted on the TWEN page early in the semester. Other items of interest (news articles, FCC filings, etc.) may also be posted as the semester goes on.
CLASS ASSIGNMENTS:

Monday, Jan. 11 (Classes Begin)

**TOPIC**: Introduction to Wireless and Wireless Technology  
**READING**: Chapters 7 and 8 in Digital Crossroads

Monday, Jan. 18 – **NO CLASS: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY**

Tuesday, Jan. 19 – **ADMINISTARTIVE MONDAY**

**TOPIC**: Wireless Regulation  
**READING**: Review Chapter 7 in Digital Crossroads; *Wireless Regulatory Classification Order – Implementation of Sections 3(n) and 332 of the Communications Act, Regulatory Treatment of Mobile Services*, GN Docket No. 93-252, Second Report and Order, 9 FCC RCD. 1411 (rel. Mar. 7, 1994) ¶¶ 1-123.

Monday, Jan. 25

**TOPICS**: License Assignment (Comparative hearings, lotteries, auction)  

Monday, Feb. 1

**TOPIC**: Tour of T-Mobile’s Mobile Switching Center – Beltsville, MD  
**READING**: N/A

Monday, Feb. 8

**TOPIC**: Interconnection and Compensation with Wireline Networks  
**READING**: Chapters 3 and 9 in Digital Crossroads.

Monday, Feb. 15

**TOPIC**: Regulation of Consumer Practices in Wireless  
**READING**: Review Chapter 8 in Digital Crossroads; *Wireless Regulatory Classification Order* ¶¶ 240-257; 11th Circuit Decision (*NASUCA v. FCC*);
Wednesday, Feb. 17 – **ADMINISTRATIVE MONDAY**

**TOPIC**: Universal Service and ETC Issues  

Monday, Feb. 22

**TOPIC**: Homeland Security Issues  
**READING**: TBD

Monday, March 1

**TOPIC**: Regulation of Inputs  
**READING**: TBD

Monday, March 8 – **NO CLASS – SPRING BREAK**

Monday, March 15

**TOPIC**: Open Access/Net Neutrality for Wireless Networks, Part 1  
**READING**: Chapters 4 and 5 in Digital Crossroads; 700 MHz Order (paragraphs on C Block open access)

Monday, March 22

**TOPIC**: Open Access/Net Neutrality for Wireless Networks, Part 2  
**READING**: TBD

Monday, March 29

**TOPIC**: Competition Policy and Wireless  
**READING**: TBD

Monday, April 5 – **NO CLASS – EASTER RECESS**

Monday, April 12

**TOPIC**: Hot Topics for Wireless Broadband From the Congressional Perspective  
**READING**: Radio Spectrum Inventory Bills - S. 649 & H.R. 3125  
The Spectrum Relocation Improvement Act of 2009 - HR. 3019
Monday, April 19 (Last Class)

**TOPIC:** Review Class

Monday, April 26 (Class Reschedule Day)

**TOPIC:** TBD

**FINAL EXAM (Modified Take-Home)**