ADVANCED TORTS

Justice Allison H. Eid (Fall 2012)

Class hours and meeting place: This is a 2-credit course that will meet Wednesdays from 2:30-4:10 pm in Room 306. There will be no class on Wednesday, November 7; instead, we will take a field trip that day to the Colorado Supreme Court and have lunch, hear oral argument in a torts case, and visit chambers.

What this class is all about: In this class we will study more complex tort theories and concepts that were not covered in detail in the first-year course, including products liability, damages, no-fault systems (including workers compensation), defamation, and privacy torts.

How to reach me: The best way to reach me is by email, at <u>allison.eid@judicial.state.co.us</u>. I can also be reached by phone, at (303)837-3751.

Office hours: Since I have no office at the law school, I will be available after class for questions and further discussion. I also can be reached at the email address and phone number listed above.

Required materials: The textbook for this course is Richard A. Epstein & Catherine M. Sharkey, <u>Cases and Materials on Torts</u> (10th ed. 2012). I will also distribute supplemental materials from time to time.

Class participation: I will add from 1 to 3 points to the final grade of those who participate consistently and thoughtfully in class discussion. Grades will not be adjusted downward due to lack of participation.

Final examination: There will be a "limited open book" exam in this course. This means you may bring with you to the exam the casebook, any supplementary materials I have distributed, and any student-prepared notes or outlines. You may not bring to the exam any other books, treatises, nutshells, commercially-prepared outlines, or the like.

Syllabus: The following is the schedule of topics and assignments we will cover during the semester:

I. Products Liability

Assignment #1: pp. 711-33 (through note 1); 737-42 (including

note); 752-56 (notes 2-5)

Assignment #2: pp. 756-84 Assignment #3: pp. 784-811 Assignment #4: pp. 811-41

II. Damages

Assignment #5: pp. 843-71 Assignment #6: pp. 872-901

III. No-fault systems

Assignment #7: pp. 955-84 Assignment #8: pp. 984-1013

IV. Defamation

Assignment #9: pp. 1017-49; 1053-55 (note 3)

Assignment #10: pp. 1070-76; 1083-99

Assignment #11: pp. 1099-1130

V. Privacy torts

Assignment #12: pp. 1138-40 (Prosser and Restatement excerpts);

1146-50; 1155-56 (Restatement excerpt); 1160-85
