LAW AND BIOETHICS
LAWS 7415-001

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REVISED SYLLABUS

Required Texts: Law and Bioethics: An Introduction ("Menikoff)
Jerry Menikoff

Tom L. Beauchamp & LeRoy Walters

Supplemental Reading See TWEN “Course Materials”

Grading

Final Paper (35 page minimum) 70%
Class Participation 30%
  Paper Critique (15%)
  Class Discussion (15%)

Important Dates: Paper Approval Forms Due – October 19, 2006
Oral Presentations – November 2nd – 16th
Final Paper Due – 6:00 p.m. In Class, December 7, 2006

Final Paper and Oral Report Requirements

Each student will select a single topic for the final paper. Professors Matthew and Caulfield must approve the topic selected by October 19, 2006. If you submit a first draft of the final paper on or before November 9, 2006, this draft will be returned to you with comments by November 16, 2006. You are not required to submit a first draft for your paper by this date for your final grade, however, you must submit a first draft posting the first draft of your paper on TWEN, no later than the Tuesday before your oral presentation. This will give your classmates time to read and comment on your draft. Your final draft of the final paper is due on December 7, 2006.

Final Paper and Oral Report Requirements

Each student will select a single topic for both the oral presentation and final paper. Professors Matthew and Caulfield must approve the topic selected by October 19, 2006. Your oral report should be 30 minutes in length. You should regard the oral report as both a presentation of an interesting aspect of your final paper topic, and an opportunity to receive feedback from your classmates concerning your "work in progress." The oral report is intended to follow the format of an academic workshop or colloquium. Remember, you must post a draft copy of your paper on TWEN to provide a basis for discussion of your topic by 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before your.
presentation. You will be responsible for presenting your topic to the class, and leading a discussion with the class. You may assume that the class has read your paper. After discussion, each of your classmates will submit a written critique of your paper and arguments, on a form we will provide. Each student's written critique constitutes a non-graded assignment.

Your final paper must address a moral or ethical dilemma that the law seeks to resolve. In order to have your topic approved, you must submit a one page summary of your paper which includes 1) the thesis or theme of your paper; 2) a brief outline of your approach to the topic you have selected; and 3) an annotated bibliography that demonstrates you will have sufficient resources to address your chosen topic. This approval may be submitted at any time but no later than October 19, 2006.

Assigned Readings

August 31, 2006

1. The Right To Abortion Menikoff Chap 4
   Beyond Abortion Menikoff Chapter 6

September 7, 2006

2. Ethical Theory and Bioethics B&W Chapter 1

3. Abortion and Maternal-Fetal Relations
   a. The Problem of Justifying Abortion B&W 270
   b. Punishing Mothers B&W 330
   c. Moral and Social Issues Regarding Pregnant
      Women who use and Abuse Drugs B&W 334

September 14, 2006

4. The Brave New World of Reproduction Menikoff Chapter 5

5. Reproductive Technologies and Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research
   a. Reproductive Cloning B&W 593
   b. Cloning Human Beings B&W 618

September 21, 2006

8. Beyond Standard Care – Alternative Medicine, Menikoff, Chapter 9
   Experimentation and Research

9. Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research B&W 636
September 28, 2006

7. The Uniqueness of Genetics
   Menikoff, Chapter 13

8. Eugenics and Human Genetics
   a. Eugenics Programs in the Twentieth Century B&W 451
   b. Implications of the Human Genome Project B&W, 473
   c. Genetic Testing and Screening B&W 500
   d. Beyond Consent: Ethical and Social Issues In Genetic Testing B&W 507
   e. Genetic Enhancement B&W 534

October 5, 2006

10. The Ownership of Life Menikoff, 404

11. Protecting Genetic Privacy B&W 500

October 12, 2006

14. The Definition of Death Menikoff, Chapter 14

15. The Constitution and the Right To Die Menikoff, Chapter 11

16. Introduction to End of Life Decision-making B&W 179

October 19, 2006

17. End of Life Decision-making B&W Chapter 4

18. Futile Medical Care Menikoff, Chapter 12

October 26, 2006

19. Organ Transplantation Menikoff, Chapter 16

20. Justice In Access to Health Care
   b. Rights to Health Care . . . and Fairness In Health Care Allocations B&W 64
   c. Rationing B&W 90

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