Law and Economics Seminar
Harvard Law School
Fall 2004 (Course #96200-11)

Meetings will be on Tuesdays in Pound 201 from 4:30-6:00 pm*

Sep. 14  Steven Shavell (HLS) Introduction: Economics of Litigation (Chapter 17 of Foundations of Economic Analysis of Law) (students only)

Sep. 21  George Triantis** and Robert Scott (University of Virginia), Embedded Options and the Case Against Compensation in Contract Law

Sep. 28  Robert Bone (Boston University School of Law), Enforcement Costs and Trademarks

Oct. 05  Lucian Bebchuk**, Alma Cohen (Analysis Group), & Allen Ferrell** (HLS), What Matters in Corporate Governance

Oct. 12  John de Figueiredo** (MIT / Princeton) & Elizabeth Garrett (University of Southern California), Paying for Politics

Oct. 19  Richard Posner (US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit), The Law and Economics of Contract Interpretation

Oct. 26  FLY-OUT WEEK

Nov. 02  Steven Shavell**, A. Mitchell Polinsky (Stanford), Punitive Damages: An Economic Analysis and Mathias vs. Motel 6 (students only)

Nov. 09  Alan Sykes** & Eric Posner (University of Chicago), Optimal War and Jus Ad Bellum

Nov. 16  Theodore Eisenberg (Cornell, visiting HLS Fall 2004), Class Actions: Myth and Reality

Nov. 23  Steven Shavell (HLS), Canadian Law Case (on welfare fraud) and Foundations of Economic Analysis of Law, Chapters 20 & 21 (students only)

Nov. 30  Steven Shavell (HLS), The Law as Remedy for the Problem of Contractual Holdup

Dec. 07  Louis Kaplow (HLS), Optimal Income Transfers

Also, two evening sessions*** for students only will be held in Pound 201 on Monday, October 18th and Thursday, November 18th. Each will commence at 6:00 p.m. and end by 9:00 p.m. Pizza will be served for dinner.

*For those not enrolled in the seminar who need copies of a paper, please visit the course website at: http://courses.law.harvard.edu:8080 Log in using “guest” for your log in name and password, click on “courses” tab, enter “Sem: Law and Economics” in the search box), or contact Karl Coleman (496-1670, kcoleman@law.harvard.edu.)

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