Overview
The learning objective of this class is to property law. We will examine what makes property rights distinctive: how property rights are created, transferred, and destroyed; and what the powers and duties of property owners are. The goal is to understand property law in a doctrinal, historical, critical, and economic way, with attention to both the theory and practicalities of property law.

Class will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am to 10:15 pm.

Required Reading
The book for this class is Open Source Property, available at https://opensourceproperty.org/download/. We’ll mainly be using Jeremy Sheff’s 2022 Build (same as the fall), which is available print-on-demand if you want for around $30. We will also sometimes use material from the modules, available from the same page.

Attendance Policy
Attendance is mandatory. If you miss more than six classes you will not be able to take the final exam.

Participation
Students are expected to be prepared for class – you’ve paid to be here and the way to get the most out of this class is to do the reading before class so you understand what’s going on in class. Excellent participation can result in a one-step raise in your grade in this class, and notably poor participation can result in a one-step reduction in your grade.

Class Website
There is a class website on D2L. I will be endeavoring to share as much as possible there, including slides and other materials. Students are expected to monitor the D2L site, although I’ll also alert students in class and electronically of when materials are added there.

Video Recordings of Lectures
All classes will be recorded and posted, subject to the caveat that there may be technical glitches. A recording of a class is not a substitute for real-time participation, and you may also want to ask another student to take notes for you.

Grading
Your grade is determined by a combination of class participation and completing ungraded assignments (10%), a writing/markup assignment (20%), and final exam (65%). The final exam schedule will be posted to the law school website.
Office Hours

I encourage everyone schedule a conversation with me, whether to talk about class material, career goals, or anything else. Too often, students who are struggling don’t come to office hours until the end of the semester. Remember—don’t be ashamed, and ask me your questions as they come up.

Workload Expectations

According to ABA Standard 310(b)(1), a “credit hour” is an amount of work that reasonably approximates: (1) not less than one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and two hours of out-of-class student work per week for fifteen weeks, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time. This is a 3-credit hour class, meaning that we will spend two 75-minute blocks of time together each week (scheduled for Wednesday and Friday, except for the initial class scheduled during Orientation Week). The amount of assigned reading and out of class preparation should take you about 6 hours for the week. All told, applying the ABA standard to the number of credits offered for this class, you should plan on spending a total of 9 hours per week (3 in class and 6 preparing for class) on course-related work.

Emergency Procedures

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Disability Policy

SIU Carbondale is committed to providing an inclusive and accessible experience for all students with disabilities. Disability Support Services coordinates the implementation of accommodations. If you think you may be eligible for accommodations but have not yet obtained approval, please contact DSS immediately at 618-453-5738 or disabilityservices.siu.edu. You may request accommodations at any time, but timely requests help to ensure accommodations are in place when needed. Accommodations and services are determined through an interactive process with students and may involve consideration of specific course design and learning objectives in consultation with faculty. Please send approved accommodations to your faculty through the DSS online portal.

SALUKI CARES and COUNSELING & PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVCIES (CAPS)

The purpose of Saluki Cares is to develop, facilitate and coordinate a university-wide program of care and support for students in any type of distress—physical, emotional, financial, or personal. By working closely with faculty, staff, students, and their families, SIU will continue to display a culture of care and demonstrate to our students and their families that they are an important part of the community. For Information on Saluki Cares: (618) 453-2461, or siucares@siu.edu, https://salukicares.siu.edu/. Associate Dean Angela Upchurch (aupchurch@siu.edu or (618) 536-8314) is available at the School of Law to help students access university resources. Additionally, counseling services are available through CAPS (Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) | Student Health Services | SIU). A counselor is at the law school every Wednesday from noon until 4:30pm in Room 268 for drop-in appointments.

SAFETY AWARENESS FACTS AND EDUCATION

Title IX makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender is a Civil Rights offense subject to the same kinds of accountability and the same kinds of support applied to offenses against other protected categories such as race, national origin, etc. If you or someone you know has been harassed or assaulted, you can find the appropriate resources here: http://safe.siu.edu.
Provisional Reading

This reading is tentative—updated syllabuses will be posted to the D2L class website.

January 17 Gifts 1 – 566-587
January 22 Gifts 2 – 587-608
January 24 Wills & Deeds – 609-626
January 29 Delivery – Sprankling on Delivery (on D2L)
January 31 Warranties and Defects - 631-652, Stambovsky v. Ackley (on D2L)
February 5 Mortgages 1 – Sprankling 643-664 (on D2L), Problem 1 due
February 7 Mortgages 2 – Sprankling 664-681 (on D2L)
February 12 Recording 1– 751-766
February 14 No class – response to “Stories from 2008’s Great Recession” due
February 19 Recording 2 – 766-769, Nat’l Packing v. Belmont (on D2L), Problem 2 due
February 21 Eminent Domain – 780-801, response to “Legacy of Kelo” due
February 26 Nuisance 1 – 802-823, Problem 3 due
February 28 Nuisance 2 – 823-843
March 4 – March 8 – No classes this week – Midterms
Midterm TBD
March 9 – March 17 – No class this week – Spring Break
March 18 Regulatory Takings 1 – 851-883 (start with notes)
March 20 Regulatory Takings 2 – 883-907, Problem 4 due
March 25 Regulatory Takings 3 – 907-938, Problem 5 due
March 27 Regulatory Takings 4 – 938-966, Valancourt (on D2L), Problem 6 due
April 1 Zoning 1 – 967-996, Problem 7 due
April 3 Zoning 2 – 996-1023
April 10 Zoning 3 – 1023-1056, Problem 8 due
April 15 Covenants 1 – 1057-1076
April 17 Covenants 2 – 1076-1093, Problem 9 due
April 22 Common-Interest Communities – 1094-1112
April 24 CICs 2 + Summation – 1112-1122, 3-4, Response to “Jim Crow of the North” due
April 30 through May 10 - finals weeks
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SIU COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS): Mental health counseling services are available by calling CAPS at (618) 453-5371. CAPS offers confidential same-day services and ongoing counseling. For after hours crisis care, students are encouraged to call 988, 911, or present to their nearest emergency room.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY (Undergraduate Only): Students who officially register for a session must officially withdraw from that registration in a timely manner to avoid being charged as well as receiving a failing grade for those classes. An official withdrawal must be initiated by the student, or on behalf of the student through the academic unit, and be processed by the Registrar’s office. For the proper procedures to follow when dropping courses and when withdrawing from SIUC visit: http://registrar.siu.edu/students/withdrawal.php.

SIUC’S EARLY WARNING INTERVENTION PROGRAM (EWIP): Students enrolled in courses participating in SIUC’s Early Warning Intervention Program might be contacted by University staff during a semester. More information can be found at the University Core Curriculum’s Overview webpage: https://corecurriculum.siu.edu/for-faculty/.

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CENTER FOR LEARNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES:
Tutoring: https://clss.siu.edu/
Math Labs: http://math.siu.edu/courses/course-help.php

WRITING CENTER: http://write.siu.edu/
PLAGIARISM: See the Student Conduct Code: http://srr.siu.edu/student-conduct-code/

INCOMPLETE POLICY (Undergraduate Only): http://registrar.siu.edu/grades/incomplete.php

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