

**ADVANCED TORTS**  
**SPRING 2022- PROFESSOR DAVID FRIEDMAN**  
**Room 301- Tuesdays 3:20 - 5:20**

**Background**

This course presents the opportunity to explore more deeply some topics in Tort law that are not covered in depth in the 1L four-credits Torts class. The modes of exploring include classroom discussion of several topic areas chosen by the instructor, as well as class-driven discussion by students who wish to bring doctrinal or experiential torts material before the class. Students are required to write a full-length research paper that meets the criteria for the graduation writing requirement, the requirements for which this syllabus incorporates by reference. Students are also required to present a 45 minute outline of their topic to the class, in a form that would be acceptable for a vibrant continuing legal education offering that would serve to market them well as a practicing attorney.

**Coverage**

**Week 1 (1/11) A Walk Down Memory Lane: Torts Laws Greatest Hits**

Current events: All students should be prepared to briefly discuss what they believe is the most socially important aspect of Tort law, either historically or in the present. **Submit 150 words of thoughts by email to the instructor by 12:01 a.m. on 1/10.** *All classes will begin with a discussion of topical thoughts, including the dates with student presentations.*

*Introduction to Course and Logistics*

*Readings:*

[Palsgraf v. LIRR](#) (duty and causation concepts)

[Boomer v. Atlantic Cement](#) (externalities, property rights, torts politics and values)

[Mathias v. Accor Economy Lodging \(punitive damages, constitutional limits\)](#)

[Student note re: Mathias \(Marquette Law Review\)](#)