

Econ 365
Law & Economics
Fall 2020
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Writing Assignment (20% of your grade)

You must email the paper to me. You may turn it in before the due date. I will not grade rough drafts – I assume what you send me is your finished product

Due date: November 25 (this date is absolutely firm)

Your paper will involve the discussion of a legal case relevant to subject matters we cover in class. Treat this as if you're writing a piece for Business Week or a similar publication. Include the following: introductory overview of the case, the relevant details of the case, the judicial ruling, and an economic analysis of the issues involved. I also want you to express your opinion as to whether you agree with the ruling and why. Provide a citation to the case.

With my permission, you may discuss a case mentioned in the book (so long as it is not discussed in detail in the text or in class). A Google or Wikipedia search of a legal term or concept may provide ideas. Alternatively, you may contact me for suggestions on a topic. You may not use a case you learned about in any Business Law class. A good site for cases in California can be found at: <http://www.lexisnexis.com/clients/CACourts/>. Click on both Supreme Court and Appeals Court cases.

Your paper must be in the format of Times New Roman, 12 pt, double-spaced, with a word count between **950 and 1050**. Excessively short or long papers will not be accepted.

You will be graded on both the content of your paper and the writing quality of your paper. Take the time to **proof** your papers before turning them in.

Grading metric:

10% - Proper format, word count provided at the end of the paper (important!), case citation

40% - Writing quality, including sentence structure, proofreading, intro, body and conclusion

50% - Content, including discussion of the subject case and application of concepts learned in class

The following cases can be chosen without my approval (unless you dealt with them in Business law). **You will need my approval if you want to pick another case.** Feel free to choose your own case; just run it by me first:

1. *Ghen v Rich* 8 F. 159 (1881)
2. *Poletown Neighborhood Council v City of Detroit* 410 Mich. 616 (1981)
3. *Andrus v. Allard* 444 U.S. 51 (1979)
4. *Pennsylvania Coal v. Mahon* 274 Pa. 489, 260 U.S. 393 (1922)
5. *Village of Euclid v. Ambler Realty* 272 U.S. 365 (1926)
6. *Agins v. City of Tiburon* 447 U.S. 255 (1980)
7. *Lucas v. South Carolina Coastal Council* 505 U.S. 1003 (1992); 112 S. Ct. 2886 (1992)
8. *Keystone Association v. DeBenedictis* 581 F. Supp. 511 (1984), 480 U.S. 470 (1987)
9. *Hadacheck v. Sebastian* 239 U.S. 394 (1915)
10. *Spur Industries v. Del Webb Development Co.* 108 Ariz. 178 (1972)
11. *Miller et al v. Schoene* 146 Va. 175 (1926), 76 U.S. 272 (1928)
12. *United States v. Causby* 328 U.S. 256 (1946)
13. *Dolan v. City of Tigard* 512 U.S. 687 (1994)
14. *Penn Central v. New York City* 438 U.S. 104 (1978)
15. *Cheney Brothers v. Doris Silk Corp.* 35 F.2d 279 (1929)
16. *Whalen v Union Bag and Paper Co.* 208 N.Y. 1 (1913)
17. *Moore v. The Regents of the University of California* 51 Cal. 3d 120 (1990)
18. *Fiege v. Boehm* 210 Md. 352 (1956)
19. *Stambovsky v. Ackley* 72 N.Y.S. 2d 672 (1993)
20. *Cohen v. Cowles Media Corp.* 479 N.W.2d 387 (1992)
21. *Williams v. Walker-Thomas Furniture* 350 F.2d 445 (1965)
22. *CNA International v. Phoenix* 678 So. 2d 378 (1996)
23. *Kelo v. City of New London* 545 U.S. 469 (2005)
24. *Transatlantic Financing Corp. v. United States* 363 F.2d 312 (1966)
25. *Eastern Air Lines v. Gulf Oil* 415 F. Supp 429 (1975)
26. *Hopper v. All-Pet Animal Clinic* 861 P.2d 531 (1993)
27. *Allied Cannery & Packers v. Victo Packing Co.* 162 Cal. App. 3d 905 (1984)
28. *Tongish v. Thomas and Decatur Coop Assn.* 251 Kan. 728 (1992)
29. *Peevyhouse v. Garland Coal & Mining* 382 P.2d 109 (1962)
30. *Trimarco v. Klein et al.* 56 N.Y.S. 2d 98 (1982)
31. *Yukon Equipment v. Fireman's Fund* 585 P. 2d 1206 (1978)
32. *Leroy Fibre v. Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway* 232 U.S. 340 (1914)
33. *Union Oil v. Oppen* 501 F.2d 558 (1974)
34. *General Foods v. Valley Lea Dairies* 771 F. 2d 1093 (1985)
35. *Sherwood v. Walker* 66 Mich.568, 33 N.W. 919 (1887)
36. *Winn Dixie Stores, Inc. v. Benton* 576 So. 2d 359 (1991)
37. *Moran v Faberge* 273 Md. 538; 332 A. 2d 11 (1975)