

CYBER CRIME LW 607

2 Credits Spring 2007-2008

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The cyber crime course will explore the legal issues affected by on-line crime. The course is taught from the perspective of a practicing attorney who deals with these issues on a daily basis. Topics will include: the evolution of cyber crime; forensic analysis of digital evidence; on-line investigative techniques; the Fourth Amendment in cyberspace; the law of electronic surveillance; federal statutes proscribing on-line crime; and on-line crime trends, including identity theft, Internet fraud, and new technologies affecting on-line crime.

Given the rapid changes in technology, and the corresponding changes in the means by which on-line crime is committed, investigated, and prosecuted, the course will regularly include discussions of current events. There are no prerequisites, and there will be a final examination. In an attempt to reduce the stress surrounding the final examination, however, 40% of the grade will be determined by in-class participation prior to the final examination. Of this 40%, 10% will be determined by class attendance and weekly participation. The remaining 30% will be determined by the preparation and delivery of a small group class presentation on one of ten topics, as further explained during the first class session.