AIDS and the LAW SYLLABUS
FALL, 2006
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Class One: August 21, 2006

Introduction to course; Scope of the epidemic


Class two: August 28, 2006

HIV and the Family

Permanency Planning
standby guardianships/guardians
foster care
adoption

Custody and visitation

Issues Involving the Care of HIV-Infected Children

Class 3: September 4, 2006

Medical and Psycho-Social Aspects of HIV/AIDS

Progression of the Disease  
Methods of Transmission  
Existing Treatments  
Psycho-Social Aspects of HIV/AIDS


Class Four: September 11, 2006

Public Health Strategies/Law

Case Identification  
screening  
contact tracing/partner notification  
reporting

Testing and counseling  
HIV specific testing and confidentiality laws  
extceptions to confidentiality;

Right to Privacy


[no class September 18, 2006]

Class five: September 25, 2006

Discrimination in the Workplace  
Discrimination by Places of Public Accommodation
Americans with Disabilities Act


Class six: October 2, 2006

Estate Planning

Wills

Testamentary Capacity
Competency
Undue Influence
Post-Death Matters
Giving Persons the Authority to Act during Lifetime


[Fall Break: October 9-13]

Class seven: October 16, 2006

“The Age of AIDS,” Frontline video, PBS

Class eight: October 23, 2006

Torts and HIV-related Private Lawsuits

Claims by HIV-Infected Persons
Claims by Persons Not Infected

Actual Exposure or Possible Exposure?: The AIDS Phobia Debate—Are Courts Opening the Litigation Floodgates or Illustrating Judicial Proscription? 22 Am. J. Trial Advoc. 495.

Class nine: October 30, 2006:

International Issues Involved in the Treatment of Mothers and Children with HIV/AIDS.

Readings: To be provided.

Class ten: November 6, 2006

End of Life Issues

Advance Directives
Treatment Decisions


Class eleven: November 13, 2006:

HIV Infection and the Criminal Law; HIV and Needle Exchange Programs

Criminalization of risky behavior
Traditional crimes
HIV specific penal statutes
HIV as factor in criminal proceedings

Legal issues involved in Needle Exchange Programs


Class twelve: November 20, 2006
Student Presentations

[Thanksgiving Break--Nov. 23-24]

Class thirteen: November 27, 2006
Student Presentations