COURSE NAME: Assisted Reproduction and the Law

COURSE NUMBER: 8714R

PROFESSOR: Carbone

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES: None

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITES: Constitutional Law, Family Law and/or Children in the Law

COURSE BOOKS:
REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES AND THE LAW (J. Daar 2006).

METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE: Paper

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE: An in-depth examination of assisted reproduction from a legal perspective. The course will include interdisciplinary study of the development of reproductive technologies and the implications for law and regulation. The course will attempt to situate the legal discussion within the context of the changing science and the nature of the industry. Discussion will therefore consider the international development of the industry, the importance of determinations of parenthood to its viability, potential exploitation of vulnerable patients, and the impact on the resulting children.

COURSE CONTENT: Course topics will include consideration of the constitutional, family law and regulatory frameworks, posthumous reproduction, embryonic stem cell research and human cloning. The course will include guest speakers from the Medical School and the community.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES: The course will involve issues at the intersection of law and medicine and family law. In addition, it will allow students to develop competence in writing and explore in depth topics of their choice.