COURSE NAME: Law, Medicine & Bioethics

COURSE NUMBER: 8761M

PROFESSOR: Carbone

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES: Torts

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITES: none

COURSE BOOKS:

REQUIRED:

MARK HALL, MARY ANNE BOBINSKI & DAVID ORENTLICHER, HEALTH CARE LAW AND ETHICS (7th ed. Aspen 2007) [hereinafter: HBO]

WILLIAM H. COLBY, UNPLUGGED: RECLAIMING OUR RIGHT TO DIE IN AMERICA (2007).

METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE:
The course will involve a choice of a paper, short written exercises during the term, or a take home exam.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE: This class will focus on bioethics and selected legal and ethical issues in medicine. Law is pervasive in medical care and medical ethics. Bioethics has a rich history in jurisprudence and ethical theory. This class will focus on decision-making at the beginning and end of life, reproductive rights, and decisions in clinical situations.

COURSE CONTENT:
The patient-provider relationship (fiduciary, treatment, confidentiality, and disclosure obligations);
physician obligations of informed consent and patient care issues; potential hospital and physician liability for medical malpractice.

Reproductive rights and assisted reproductive technologies.

End of life decision-making (withdrawal and refusal of life sustaining treatment by individuals and their surrogates) and physician-assisted suicide.

(The class will not deal with health care finance, public health or biotechnology, other than assisted reproductive technologies).

**RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES:**

This course will helpful for anyone interested in law and medicine, medical malpractice and tort liability. (It satisfies the upper level tort requirement). It will also address end-of-life decision-making and advanced directives that may be of personal use.

**RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR MO/MULTI-STATE BAR EXAMINATION:**

Some limited relevance to tort issues.