

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
School of Recreation, Health, and Tourism
PRLS 460 Sport and Recreation Law (3:3:0)
Summer I 2010
DAY/TIME: Web based Televideo course
<http://classweb.gmu.edu/jkozlows/460.htm>

LOCATION: Web based Televideo course, On Demand Video Lectures via Webstream on GMU-TV website: http://www.gmutv.gmu.edu/PRLS_460_Fall09.asp

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OFFICE HOURS: by appointment

PREREQUISITES: 60 hours

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Emphasizes safety, liability, risk, and insurance. Covers current law and liability issues for administrators of Recreation, Health, and Tourism facilities and programs.

COURSE OVERVIEW: This course examines the issue of personal injury liability in a variety of contexts related to Recreation, Health, and Tourism, including recreation and parks, sports, events, and physical education administration. Case reports and articles will be used to illustrate general legal principles which determine recreational injury liability in a variety of contexts. Negligence liability will be defined through general legal principles, including reasonableness, foreseeability, and standard of care.

In addition to lifeguard and aquatics liability, this course will examine sport injury liability for coaches, participants, and spectators. The course will also examine the validity and enforceability of waivers and releases in sports and recreation. This overview of program supervision liability in sports and recreation will be complemented by an examination of general legal principles governing landowner liability for grounds and facilities used in sports and recreational activities. In addition to recreation injury liability, this course will also review several civil rights issues which impact significantly upon sport and recreation administration.

If you have questions or problems, feel free to send me an E MAIL message at jkozlows@gmu.edu or call my Cell Telephone: (703) 455-8474 (E mail is preferable.)

COURSE OBJECTIVES: At the completion of this course students should be able to:

- (1) To read a series of articles and case reports which illustrate general legal principles governing recreation injury liability in recreation, sports, and physical education programs.
- (2) To identify general legal principles and rules of law governing recreation injury liability in recreation, sports, and physical education programs as described in lectures, review questions, objectives, and required reading material used in the course.

(3) To identify definitions and terms which demonstrate a working knowledge of federal civil rights laws and their applicability to sports, recreation, and physical education programs, specifically gender discrimination.

REQUIRED READINGS & COURSE SCHEDULE

The "textbook" in this course is a compilation of case reports and related articles available for reading, downloading and printing on the PRLS 460 site of my GMU homepage at the following address: <http://classweb.gmu.edu/jkozlows/460.html>

I. Week 1 - May 17th thru 20th

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| A. Monday May 17 | - Lecture 1 A | Overview and Control Test |
| B. Tuesday May 18 | - Lecture 1 B | Negligence Principles |
| C. Wednesday May 19 | - Lecture 2 A | Standard of Care |
| D. Thursday May 20 | - Lecture 2 B | Standard of Care |

II. Week 2 - May 24th thru 27th

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| A. Monday May 24 | - Lecture 3 A | Landowner Liability |
| B. Tuesday May 25 | - Lecture 3 B | Landowner Liability |
| B. Wednesday May 26 | - Lecture 4 A | Landowner Liability for Criminal Activity |
| B. Wednesday May 26 | - Lecture 4 B | Recreational Use Immunity Law in Virginia |
| D. Thursday May 27 | - Exam I | Lectures 1 thru 3 |

III. Week 3 - May 31st thru June 3rd

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| A. Monday May 31 | - Memorial Day (no class) | |
| B. Tuesday June 1 | - Lecture 5 A | Lifeguard & Aquatics Liability |
| C. Wednesday June 2 | - Lecture 5 B | Lifeguard & Aquatics Liability |
| D. Thursday June 3 | - Exam II | Lectures 4 thru 5 |

IV. Week 4 - June 7th thru 10th

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| A. Monday June 7 | - Lecture 6 A | Sport Coach Liability |
| A. Monday June 7 | - Lecture 6 B | Post Injury Liability |
| B. Tuesday June 8 | - Lecture 7 A | Spectator Liability |
| B. Tuesday June 8 | - Lecture 7 B | Participant Liability & Assumption of Risk |
| C. Wednesday June 9 | - Lecture 8 A & B | Liability Releases & Waiver Agreements |
| D. Thursday June 10 | - Exam III | Lectures 6 thru 7 |

V. Week 5 - June 14th thru 17th

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| A. Monday June 14 | - Lecture 9 A | Agency Liability for Sexual Molestation |
| A. Monday June 14 | - Lecture 9 B | Supervision Liability |
| B. Tuesday June 15 | - Lecture 10 A & B | Gender Discrimination |
| C. Wednesday June 16 | - Reading Day | |
| C. Thursday June 17 | - Exam IV | Lectures 8 thru 10 |

EVALUATION:

4 EXAMS on Blackboard (open book, weighted equally, each exam worth 25%) NOTICE: Please be advised, after the fact, there will be no time extensions (nor grades of Incomplete) for failing to take exams as scheduled.

Final grades are based on the percentage of points earned out of the total number of points available on all four exams as follows:

Range out of 200 possible pts on 4 exams

Grade	A+	174	and above
Grade	A	164	or greater, and less than 174
Grade	A-	154	or greater, and less than 164
Grade	B+	144	or greater, and less than 154
Grade	B	134	or greater, and less than 144
Grade	B-	124	or greater, and less than 134
Grade	C+	114	or greater, and less than 124
Grade	C	104	or greater, and less than 114
Grade	C-	94	or greater, and less than 104
Grade	D	84	or greater, and less than 94
Grade	F	0	or greater, and less than 84

CLASS COMMUNICATIONS

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A FUNCTIONAL AND ACCESSIBLE GMU E MAIL ADDRESS FOR THE CLASS ROSTER ON PATRIOT WEB. THROUGHOUT THE SEMESTER, I WILL BE RESPONDING TO INQUIRIES VIA E MAIL. STAY CONNECTED TO THE CLASS BY USING AND ROUTINELY CHECKING YOUR GMU E MAIL! If you have questions or problems, feel free to give send me an e mail message. I can usually respond rather quickly to e mail inquiries. Further, I am better able to deal with inquiries and problems as they arise during the course, rather than first hearing about a problem after a student receives his or her final grade.

All students are held to the standards of the George Mason University Honor Code. THE HONOR CODE IS IN EFFECT FOR ALL COURSE REQUIREMENTS. ANY SUSPECTED VIOLATION WILL BE REPORTED AND MAY RESULT IN A FAILING GRADE IN THE COURSE.

Students with Disabilities: Students having documentation on file with the Disability Support Services Office should bring this to the attention of the professor.