



Property Rights and Litigation in the United States

Lectures taught by visiting lecturer

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From 16th to 27th April 2018, 15:00 – 17:00

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I Day 16/4/2018 K. L. Sapiega Room (302)	Introduction	
	1. Goals of the Course.	3. Becoming a Lawyer in the US:
	2. Structure of the US Legal System:	3.1. Degrees.
	2.1. The Court System.	3.2. Admission to the Bar.
	2.2. The Sources of Substantive law.	
II Day 17/4/2018 K. L. Sapiega Room (302)	Private Property as the Foundation of the Economic System	
	1. Magna Carta.	4. The Constitution of the State of Nevada:
	2. Declaration of Independence.	<i>Sisolak Case</i> .
	3. The US Constitution.	5. The Chapman Case: <i>Spittler v. Purdon</i> .
III Day 18/4/2018 K. L. Sapiega Room (302)	The Protection of All Types of Property. Prohibition to Take or Damage	
	1. Personal Property	4. Types of Property.
	2. Real Property	5. Protection of Property.
	3. Acquisition of Property.	
IV Day 19/4/2018 K. L. Sapiega Room (302)	The Government's Right to Affect Property	
	1. The Government's Right to Regulate Property.	3.1. <i>Ad America Neon</i> .
	2. The Government's Right to Plan Public Projects:	3.2. <i>Heller (excerpts only)</i> .
	2.1. <i>Sproul Homes</i> .	4. Dedication – conditions of Development Approval.
	3. The Chapman Case:	
V Day 20/4/2018 Room (303)	Compensation for the Interference with Property I	
	1. Takings for a Public Use:	- Precondemnation Damages:
	1.1. Sovereign Authority.	<i>5th Centennial Case</i> .
	1.2. Liability:	1.3. Causation:
	- Direct: <i>Area 51 Case</i> ;	- Distinction between "taking" and "damage":
	- Inverse: <i>Sisolak Case</i> ;	<i>Little Valley Fire</i> ;
	- Regulatory: <i>South Carolina Coastal Council Case</i> ;	1.4. Damages:
		- The Chapman Case: <i>City of Reno v. Iliescu</i> .
VI Day 23/4/2018 K. L. Sapiega Room (302)	Compensation for the Interference with Property II	
	1. Precondemnation Damages:	2. Exceptions of Eminent Domain Authority:
	1.1. The Chapman Case: <i>City of North Las Vegas v. Brooks</i> .	2.1. The Chapman Case:
		<i>NDOT v. Mirage Casino Hotel</i> .
		2.2. Book: <i>Holdouts</i> .
VII Day 24/4/2018 K. L. Sapiega Room (302)	LITIGATION	
	1. Various Chapman Cases:	- Facts, Claim, Analysis.
		- Before the Trial.
VIII Day 25/4/2018 K. L. Sapiega Room (302)	LITIGATION II	
	1. Various Chapman Cases:	- Witnesses;
	1.1. The Trial:	- Settle the Jury Instructions;
	- Jury Selection and Opening statements;	- Closing Arguments;
		- Jury Deliberates and The Verdict.
IX Day 26/4/2018 K. L. Sapiega Room (302)	Summary and Review of The Course	
	Mr. M. G. Chapman will answer questions.	
X Day 27/4/2018 K. L. Sapiega Room (302)	Open Lecture and Panel Discussion	
	Short lecture (~45 min.) "How to Start and Run a Successful Law Practice in the US".	
	Discussion with Lithuanian law practitioners (Information about guests will be provided shortly).	



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Education

1984 University of Idaho College of Law, J. D.
1977 California State University, East Bay, B. A. in Political Science, Minor in Economics

Positions

1984-1994 Office of the Attorney General, State of Nevada
As a Senior Deputy Attorney General, represented State of Nevada Department of Transportation and other agencies.
1994-2017 Chapman Law Firm, Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada
Mr. Chapman created Chapman law firm from scratch and grew the Firm into two offices with more than 15 attorneys and support employees.
2017-Present Fennemore Craig Attorneys, of Counsel

Expertise

At Fennemore Craig, which has offices in Colorado and Arizona in addition to Nevada, Mr. Chapman is working to develop his areas of practice as a division of this larger firm.

In all of these positions throughout his 33 years as a lawyer, Mr. Chapman developed his expertise by actual hands-on experience representing clients in the state and federal courts of the United States, battling opposing lawyers in difficult cases, and persuading judges and juries to decide cases in favor of his clients. In addition, Mr. Chapman has handled property matters before political decision-making bodies, such as city councils, and his expertise in dealing with the elected officials was likewise developed by actual, successful, representation of clients.

The course will focus on private property rights and American property law, and the actual matters Mr. Chapman handles before the courts and political organizations, will be used to illustrate how the law works in real-life.