Quick Class Facts

3 Credits
Tuesday/Thursday
9:30am - 10:55 am
Case Law Book, plus supplemental online materials

Short Paper Option (12-15 pages)
Upper Level Writing Paper Option (25 pages)
Class Participation

Questions:
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Moral Instincts → Legal Reasoning and Policy

**Personal Autonomy**
When should a patient be allowed to decline treatment? What if young parent of children wishes to decline antibiotics?

**Justice/Fairness**
Should a person be able to sell their own blood? Sperm? Eggs? A Baby?

**Coercion**
Is a poor woman coerced into surrogacy if she is paid? Should this be a concern?

**State Interest**
Should parents be able to select their baby’s gender? Does the state have a roll to play in this determination? What about in physician-assisted suicide?
Major Topics Covered

- Informed Consent
- Right to Die
- Organ Transplant
- Reproductive Laws
- Genetics & Biotech
- Public Health (vaccines)
- Medical Malpractice
Sample Cases

_In the Matter of Karen Quinlan_, 335 A.2d (N.J. 1976)

Key Question: Can individual decline treatment?

_Moore v. Regents of the Univ. of Cal._, 793 P.2d 479 (Cal. 1990), cert denied, 499 U.S. 936 (1991)

Key Question: Can scientists profit from donated tissue without compensating the donor?


Key Question: Can a mother sign away legal rights to child she carries?
Growth Field

★ Vaccine Policies
★ Clinical trials (human subjects research)
★ Possible Human Genome Editing
★ Technological & Biotech Enhancements (at-home diagnostics)

Overlap with: constitutional law, tort law, contract law, family law, trust & estates, and, human rights law