

SYLLABUS

SECTION 1983
Professor Siegel

DePaul College of Law
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course provides an in depth study of 42 USC § 1983, the most widely used statute for protecting civil rights and redressing violations of the constitution. Among the topics covered are the elements and defenses to a cause of action, municipal liability, absolute and qualified immunity for public officials, state action, monetary relief, injunctive remedies, causation, procedural defenses, choice of forum, state court litigation, and suits against the federal government.

COURSE MATERIALS

Sheldon Nahmod, Michael Wells, and Thomas Eaton,
Constitutional Torts (2nd ed. 2004)

Supplementary Materials on Blackboard and Handouts

RECOMMENDED MATERIALS

Harold Lewis and Elizabeth Norman, Civil Rights Law and
Practice (2nd ed. 2004)

Michael Collins, Section 1983 Litigation in a Nutshell (3rd
ed. 2006)

COURSE GRADING

Grading will be on a three hour written examination
administered at the scheduled time and place.

REGULAR CLASS ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED