Overview:

More and more, we are living our lives in Cyberspace, whether we like it or not. The real world we have come to know is being replaced by the online world. This course not only will explore the benefits we experience in this digital age, but also will provide an in-depth understanding of many risks and liabilities we face on the Internet. Where possible, solutions to minimize these risks and liabilities will be offered. Topics to be covered will include: online privacy and security, identity theft, freedom of Internet speech, online harassment and bullying, intellectual property infringement, Cybercrime and Cyberwarfare. Please come along for this high-tech ride, because whether enthusiastic or dragged kicking and screaming, you already are living at least to some extent in Cyberspace.

Format:

The course primarily will be delivered as a series of lectures, probably guided with PowerPoint presentations and topical videos at times. Each class will begin with a round-up of recent and hot Internet legal developments. Then there will a substantive lecture on the designated topics for that class. The instructor likely will devote five minutes to
questions and answers at 30-minute intervals. The instructor at times may seek volunteers for brief role-plays, if that facilitates the teaching process. Of course, class members can leave to use the restroom or get some air at any point as long as they leave the room quietly.

**Reading Materials:**

There is no formally assigned reading. However, the instructor publishes a weekly legal blog and he broadcasts a weekly legal podcast. If interested, class members can receive a weekly email with a link to that week’s blog and podcast by sending an email with the word Subscribe in the Subject line to ejsinrod@duanemorris.com. Also, the instructor intends to provide links to weekly articles on breaking tech/law topics.

**Course Outline:**

Week 1: Global Internet Torts

Week 2: Online Privacy (and the lack hereof)

Week 3: Content Regulation and Speech on the Internet

Week 4: Trade Secrets, Consumer Law and Internet Jurisdiction

Week 5: Internet Trademarks, Copyrights and Patents

Week 6: Cybercrime & Cyberwarfare