

# **Property Law Cheat Sheet**

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#### **Property rights**

Bundle of sticks:

Right to exclude- essential stick in the

bundle

Right to possess

Right to use

Right to destroy

Right to transfer/ alienate

#### Remedies

Injunction

Treble Damages

**Punitive Damages** 

# **Competing Justification for Property Rights**

First Possession

Labor/ investment

Efficiency/ maximization of social welfare

Distributive Justice

Sovereign Authority

Gifts and Inheritance

#### **Nuisance**

A non trespassory interference with property rights

(must be a substantial interference)

Analysis

What is the harm

What is the benefit

Suitability for location of activity

Fairness consideration

Can nuisance be abated

Defense

Who was there

Is P being

sensitive

## Nuisance (cont)

Remedies

Injunction

Damages

#### **Trespass**

Unprivileged intentional intrusion on property possessed by another

Criminal trespass- Asked to leave but do not

License: permission to enter property possessed by another (revocable)

#### **Trespass Defenses**

Human Value

Necessity

Consent is effective even if procured by

#### **Exclusion**

Minority Cannot exclude unreasonably Rule

Majority Rule

Right to refuse service to anyone unless they are protected by law. (This does not apply to common carriers and inn keepers)

#### **Improving Trespasser**

Somebody builds on land and improves the

## Zoning- taking of right

Factors type of project location of project ultimate cost amount accomplished under

conformity

#### Flexibility in Zoning: Variance

exceptional

undue hardship

#### **Landlord Tenant Law**

Types of tenancy:

terms of definite/ fixed period

year

period indefinite in length

tenancy

terminated by either party at tenancy at

will any time

Relationship between LL and tenancy at tenant who wrongfully holds sufferance

over after termination

#### Adverse Possession

Exclusive (depending on customs of that land) Open and (visible)

Notorious

(Can use tacking Continuous

approach)

Without owner permission

For a period of time set by the statute of limitations

Color of title

(Faulty paperworkshould convey title but does not) \*\*only in some jurisdictions

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# **Prescriptive Easement - Elements**

Open and	(acquiesce- owner knew but
notorious	did nothing to stop)
Adverse	(open and notorious will be
and hostile	presumed to be adverse)
Continuous	-
Sustained	-

Servitude		
Appurtenant	runs with the land	
In gross	For an individual	
Express Easement	by grant	
scope of easment	language of deed	
	extrinsic evidence	
	burden on servient estate	
servient land	burdened land	
dominant land	benefited land	

# Steps to solve a servitude problem

Is this appurtenant or in gross Benefit of each

Look at language

#### **Easement by Estoppel**

CAnnot revoke license if it is relied upon

# **Easement by Implied Prior Use**

2 parcels were at one time in common ownership

1 parcel had derived benefit from the other parcel

Use was apparent and continuous

Continuation of use id "reasonably necessary"

#### **Real Covenant**

Covenant in writing

notice actual, inquiry, record

intent for burden and benefit run with the land

touch and concern the land

privity vertical and horizontal

Relief Money damages

**Restrictions to Covenants** 

Can enforce restrictions as long as its not unreasonable

Implied Reciprocal Negative Servitude

The purchasers of the lot in question had

notice (actual, constructive, or inquiry)

Restrictions/ covenants cannot be contrary to public policy

## **Equitable Servitude Approach**

covenant in writing

notice

intent

touch and concern land

relief injunctive relief

## Implied Reciprocal Negative Servitude

Even if restrictions are not specified at the outset, they may be implied in the court of law

Doctrine: Common owner subdivides

property into a number of lots

Common owner has an intention to create a common plan or scheme of development for the property as a whole

Vast majority of subdivided lots contain restrictive covenants that reflect the general scheme

The property against which application of an implied covenant is sought was intended to be part of the general scheme of development AND



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