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SKYPE ASSIGNMENT

- **The Objectives**

The objectives of the VoIP Skype conversation assignment are two-fold: The first objective is to connect up law school students transatlantically for a substantive discussion about a topic involving public health emergency law. The students at the John Marshall Law School in Chicago, Illinois and at Masaryk University Faculty of Law in Brno, Czech Republic are taking the same course in the spring of 2008. This fact alone is unique. The students also all speak English. This is very fortunate. The only communication barriers are distance (across the Atlantic Ocean) and time (there is a 7-hour time difference between Chicago and the Czech Republic). The second objective is to introduce the students in both classes to the use of technology for international communication purposes, for personal use but especially for professional purposes. Skype is recommended because use of the www.Skype.com software is FREE.

- **The Assignment**

The assignment is to set a specific appointment time with the Skype partner(s) in the other country as to when the conversation will take place. The appointment should be set for one hour although it might not take that much time and it might take a bit more. Generally, one hour should be sufficient. During the one hour, personal information is encouraged to be exchanged as a prelude to the substantive assignment which is simply this: *the one-hour conversation should involve a topic connected to public health emergency law. It could be a law in the Czech Republic; it could be a law in Illinois; it could be a law of international application. Then, write up a short report on the subject matter (usually two pages) and submit it to the instructor electronically.*

- **One Suggestion for Selecting a Topic for the Skype Conversation**

Search the Internet for the Pandemic Plans of the Czech Republic and the State of Illinois. Discuss one or two (or more) of the subjects covered in them. In the written report, take a “compare and contrast” approach to the subjects from the documents which were discussed. NOTE: Please put a proper heading on the document, i.e., the title of the assignment, your name, the name of the course, the instructor, the semester, the date of submission, etc. Please make it as professional as possible by proofreading it and correcting all typos prior to submission.