

Empire College School of Law  
Professor Belle  
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6:00-8:00pm - November 2, 2010

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**Introduction to Law - Final Examination**  
2 hours to complete Multiple Choice and Essay Questions

**PART II: Essays** (9 points each = 45 points total)

Write in your blue book.

Use only blue or black ink.

- (1) Explain the differences between the “golden rule” and the “purposive approach” to statutory interpretation.**
  
- (2) Explain the doctrine of *stare decisis*, including the applicability of the doctrine between state and federal courts, and the treatment by a court of its own prior decisions.**
  
- (3) Define *ratio decidendi*, and explain how a court may apply the doctrine “reasonably.”**
  
- (4) Explain the principle of separation of powers, and give three examples of exceptions to the general principle.**
  
- (5) Explain the three general types of cases in which the use of dialectical reasoning is appropriate.**