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Exam No. _____

**(500 Comparative and Historical Legal Perspectives
Fall Semester 2005**

**UNM School of Law
Final Examination
Friday December 9, 2005
1:30-3:30 p.m.**

**Professors Bobroff & Fritz
Two Credits**

Examination Format--Essay Answers

1. Laptop computer users: Start the Securexam program entering your examination number, course name, professor's name, & date of examination. Click "proceed" to enter the program. Type START in the next window that is displayed but do NOT press the enter key until the proctor says to begin the exam.

2. Bluebooks for writing: write on every-other line and only on the front page of each sheet. On the front of bluebook record the class name, professor's name, date of exam, and your examination number. Make sure to number each bluebook in order. DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME ON BLUEBOOKS.

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Professor's Instructions

1. This is a LIMITED OPEN BOOK EXAMINATION. You may use the course materials, handouts distributed during the course, or any notes or outlines that you have participated in creating.
2. There are two questions to this exam. **Both questions are equally weighted, so you should allocate approximately sixty (60) minutes for each question.**

Good luck and have a Happy Holiday season!

Question One (60 minutes)

1. Despite differences between the common law tradition and the civil law tradition, what do those two traditions share in their understanding of “law” that are not shared by many “non-western” legal systems?

Question Two (60 minutes)

2. Describe at least two different aspects of the common law—the perception of which before starting law school was different than your current understanding. Explain the implicit assumption(s) that underlay your initial impression and how a comparative, historical, cultural or jurisprudential perspective has produced a different point of view.

Cast your answer in the form of a talk you will be giving to incoming law students.

End of Exam