"Found Contracts" Exercise

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I. Assignment

A. Find an example of a written contract. Any contract will do, so long as it is not one created specifically for this exercise. The contract need not be signed.

B. Make a full-scale copy of the contract. Write your name at the top of the contract so I can give you credit for it. Please take care to remove from the body of the contract any information you would prefer to have kept private.

C. Turn in your found contract during class number 5, held on Wednesday, September 7.

II. Assessment

A. You will win two class participation points if you hand in any contract--or indeed any document that you can in good faith defend as a contract--by the specified deadline. I will not assign grades.

B. Prizes will go to contracts in the following categories:

1. the shortest contract (count all the words--from the title, if any, to and including the signature line, if any);

2. the longest sentence (count the words, recalling that phrases divided by a semicolon fall in the same sentence); and

3. the smallest print (we will conduct a side-by-side comparison of the contenders).

C. "Found Contracts Smackdown": We will determine who wins those prizes during our classroom discussion of this exercise.