Legal System of Korea: Class Evaluation Prof. Attorney Moosang Kim Sam H. Lee

This class has been an extraordinary learning experience, and I am only regretful that it has too quick an ending. I feel there is much more that I can learn, not only regarding law, having been exposed to but a portion of this class. I have taken from this class experience, much that I will keep and practice in my professional and personal life. Allow me to detail the particular points.

Max Weber. Max Weber's definition of rights was an excellent topic. It forced me to inquire and expand my understanding of law, governments and living in a capitalistic society. My background in literature and history has always required of me to analyze and evaluate themes, concepts, situations and theories, but in a somewhat myopic scope, limited to their respective fields. Max Weber's definition encompasses much more; besides what we covered in our brainstorming sessions, I believe it also comprehends the role of art and human expression, religion, and social norms across cultures. I would have liked to explore this topic much more.

Negotiations. The last class on negotiations was invaluable. I think I had known much of it unconsciously, but to pinpoint and analyze negotiation tactics in the class was truly invaluable. It was a great aspect of class which can be applied to life.

Class structure. Two things about the class structure I thought were very good: first, brainstorming sessions between the students and second, the informal study material covered during class. Very rarely will a student every have the opportunity to brainstorm with classmates in university. I thought it was a worthwhile practice; I learned that group dynamics are essential for a shared success - greater diversity of the members makes for more wider possibilities and that chaos, as in an unorderly, unarranged exchange, is conducive to creativity. As for the broad material covered in class, that extended from law to psychology, it was somehow all inter-related and connected to the larger picture. That larger picture, which I still am trying to grasp, is about humans, and humans living together.

As for that legal mind, honestly, I am not completely sure what it means, whether it is about viewing situations and concepts through a legal perspective or otherwise. But, definitely, I have learned something about thinking itself: through Max Weber and the study of the obvious -to the point of being obscure, taken for granted, unknown and not understood; through the lecture of negotiations with analysis of games; through the immediate critical evaluation of my ideas in brainstorming sessions and during discussion. What I have learned is that there is a way of thinking and approach to any problem or situation that is much more clearer, efficient, and detached from ego and emotion than what I have been practicing before. My regret is that due to class time limit, I have not the chance to practice and sharpen this way of thinking under guidance.