First Assignment

For our first meeting, Thursday, August 31, at 1:00 p.m. in Vanderbilt Hall Room 214, please read pages 23-30, 42-44, 131-135, and 138-141 in Scott and Kraus, Contract Law and Theory (5th edition). When you have finished reading these pages, please read them again. And again. You should also read sections 1, 2, 4, and 71 of the Restatement (2d) of Contracts in the statutory supplement. Ask yourself, what words or actions constitute a promise in the cases you have read? Why would we want to involve the legal system in enforcing promises made by one person to another? What distinguishes those promises that we want to enforce through the legal system from those that we do not? Do the decisions in these cases provide compelling responses to the above questions?

Please also review the Syllabus for the course, which can be found in the Syllabus section of our NYU Classes site.