

LEGAL & REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT-MBA 5130
Fall Quarter 2016

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 1:30 to 4:30 PM and by appointment.

TEXT: BUSINESS LAW AND THE REGULATION OF BUSINESS, 11th Edition, Mann & Roberts, West Publishing Company. Students will be asked to access the internet to research various legal cases.

SUGGESTION: For definitions of legal terms see "Black's Law Dictionary" in the Lemieux Library.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course is designed to analyze the legal environment in which business operates. Cases, text material, and class discussion emphasize judicial process, torts, contracts, product liability, agency, business formations (partnerships & corporations), employment law, antitrust, consumer protection, international business law, intellectual property and real property. Students will develop their critical thinking skills while examining legal cases within a business context.

GENERAL COURSE OUTLINE-SCHEDULE MAY CHANGE TO FIT CLASS PROGRESS

Week 1-September 26

Introduction and Class Overview
Chap. 1-Introduction to Law
Chap. 2-Business Ethics
Chap. 3-Civil Dispute Resolution

Week 2-October 3

Chap. 4-Constitutional Law
Chap. 6-Criminal Law
Chap. 7-Intentional Torts

Week 3-October 10

Chap. 8-Negligence and Strict Liability
Chap. 9-Introduction to Contracts
Chap. 10-Mutual Assent

Week 4-October 17

Chap. 11-Conduct Invalidating Assent
Chap. 12-Consideration

Week 5-October 24

Chap. 13-Illegal Bargains
Chap. 14-Contractual Capacity

Week 6-October 31

MIDTERM-CHAPTERS 1-4, 6-14.

Week 7-November 7

Chap. 15-Contracts in Writing
Chap. 16-Third Parties to Contracts
Chap. 17-Performance, Breach, and Discharge
Chap. 18-Contract Remedies
Chap. 28-Relationship of Principal and Agent

Week 8-November 14

Chap. 29-Relationship with Third Parties
Selected Readings from the following:
Chap. 32-Limited Partnerships and Limited Liability Corporations
Chap. 35-Management Structure of Corporations
Chap. 40-Intellectual Property
Chap. 43-Accountants' legal Liability
Chap. 45-Environmental Law

Week 9-November 21

Chap. 46-International Business Law

Week 10-November 28

Chap. 48-Interests in Real Property
Chap. 49-Transfer and Control of Real Property

Week 11-December 5

**FINAL EXAM-Comprehensive-Chap. 1-4, 6-18, 28, 39,
32, 35, 40, 43, 45, 46, 48, 59.**

GRADING SCALE

A to A- = 100% to 90%
B+ to B- = 89% to 80%
C+ to C- = 79% to 70%
D+ to D- = 69% to 60%
E = Below 60%

GRADE POINTS

MIDTERM = 100 POINTS
FINAL = 100 POINTS
TOTAL = 200 POINTS

NO MAKE-UP TESTS OR QUIZZES. NO RECORDING OF LECTURES WITHOUT PERMISSION OF INSTRUCTOR. ADDITIONAL POP QUIZZES MAY BE GIVEN. CLASS PARTICIPATION MAY HAVE AN IMPACT UPON YOUR GRADE. CLASS ATTENDANCE IS EXPECTED AT ALL SESSIONS. INSTRUCTOR MAY ASSIGN UP TO 20 EXTRA POINTS FOR EXCEPTIONAL CLASS PARTICIPATION.

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