ESSENTIALS OF LAW FOR BUSINESS
320-004
Fall Semester 2011
Mondays 6-8:00pm
Sage 4234

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Course Description
Essentials of Law for Business examines selected areas of law that affect business. Subject matter will include the legal system, civil and criminal law, various business relationships and transactions, and ethics that apply to business.

Text (Required)

Grading Scale

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Examinations
There will be a midterm and final examination in this course. Each exam will be 100 points and will test all applicable material covered. Each exam will account for 1/4 of the grade in this course. All tests are to be taken on the date set by the professor. Make-up dates will only be allowed with prior approval from this professor.

Paper/Project
One research paper or class project will be expected of each student and will account for 1/4 of the grade in this course. The topic of the assigned paper/project should relate to any topic covered in class. Examples of acceptable projects include videos that depict or illustrate subject matter covered in class (i.e. torts), a mock public service announcement, a scripted legal consultation, etc. Students should receive prior approval from the professor before commencing work on their paper/project. The due date for the paper/project is TBD. Any paper/project turned in after the stated due date will receive a 10 point deduction. Any or all of the University’s sanctions may be imposed for a plagiarism.

Other
Class participation, attendance, quizzes, and extra credit will account for the final ¼ of the grade in this course. Attendance will be taken intermittently and if present, a student will receive credit toward the same.
UNIT ONE

Week 1  
9/12/11  
Chapter 1: Business and Its Legal Environment pp. 2-18  
Questions and Case Problems 1-1  
Reviewing…Business and its Legal Environment (p.14)  
A Question of Ethics 1-9

Week 2  
9/19/11  
Chapter 2: The Courts and Alternative Dispute Resolution pp. 32-66  
Video: Marbury v. Madison (You Tube: PublicResourceOrg)  
Questions and Case Problems 2-2

Week 3  
9/26/11  
Chapter 2: Conclusion of Lecture  
Chapter 4: Constitutional Authority to Regulate Business pp. 90-114  
Discussion: Example 1 p.92  
Read Heart of Atlanta Motel  
Oral Arguments from Heart of Atlanta Motel taken from: May It Please the Court

UNIT TWO

Week 4  
10/3/11  
Chapter 4: Lecture Continued  
Questions and Case Problems 4-2 p. 113  
Questions and Case Problems 4-3 p. 113  
Questions and Case Problems 4-5 p. 113

Week 5  
10/10/11  
Chapter 4: Conclusion  
Introduction Chapter 5: Administrative Law pp.116-137  
Questions and Case Problems 5-3 p. 136

Week 6  
10/17/11  
Chapter 6: Torts pp. 138-160  
Issue Spotters 1 p.171

Week 7  
10/24/11  
Chapter 6: Product Liability pp. 161-173  
Questions and Case Problems: 6-1 Product Liability  
In Your Court 6-8 p. 173 (Students will randomly be called upon by Instructor to answer questions identified in this problem – be prepared to respond!)
Week 8  In Class Review – Chapters 1,2,4,5 and 6
10/31/11 Question and Answer Session for upcoming Mid-Term

Week 9  Mid-Term
11/7/11

Week 10  Chapter 7: Criminal Law and Cyber Law  pp. 174-206
11/14/11 Questions and Case Problems 7-1  p. 204
Case Problems with Sample Answer 7-6 p.204
In Your Court 7-8  p.205 (Students will randomly be called upon by
Instructor to answer questions identified in this problem – be
prepared to respond!)

Week 11  STUDENT OPINION SURVEY
11/21/11 Chapter 11: Contract Formation pp. 289-313
Case Problem with Sample Answer 11-4 Consideration, p.312
Questions with Sample Answers 11-5, p. 312

Week 12  Chapter 3: Ethics  pp. 67-89  (Subject to Change)
11/28/11 Guest Lecturer

Week 13  Chapter 10: Business Organizations  pp.254-288
12/5/11 Issue Spotters (1) p. 285
Questions and Case Problems 10-1 Voting Techniques p.285
Question with Sample Answer 10-3 Limited Liability Companies p.286

PAPER/PROJECT DUE

Week 14  Chapter 8: Intellectual Property and Internet Law pp. 207-231
12/12/11 Assignment: Questions with Sample Answers 8-2  p.229
Case Problems: 8-6 p.230

Final Exam In Class Review

Week 14  Final Exam
12/12/11