Foundations of Legal Environment of Business (320F) M, W, F 12:00 – 1:00 pm; GSB 2.124; Unique # 03395 (Spring 2010)

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Text: BUSINESS LAW, 11th Edition, by Allison and Prentice (University

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Outline: Course Outline (Paradigm Copy Shop)

Overview:

A broad spectrum of legal issues associated with business will be touched on for a general understanding of the legal framework in which business in conducted. The goal of the class is to provide a basic understanding and awareness of how the legal system impacts business.

Grading:

Grades will be determined by the percentages listed below. Grades may be curved with an average at approximately a B. Exams will be based on material covered in class and in the reading assignments.

Class Contribution/Homework/Quizzes 15%
Mid-Term Exam I 25%
Mid-Term Exam II 25%
Final Exam 35%

Attendance and Class Contribution:

Attendance is very important. Roll will be taken. You may miss up to four class sessions without penalty and without explanation. After that, we will have the right to drop you from the course or fail you for excessive absences. Class contribution will be based on the cases that you are asked to review in class and any written assignments given out as homework. I also will observe your answers to my questions, your questions and your participation in general discussion. I reserve the right to present unannounced quizzes in class and will allow one make-up of a missed quiz. Quizzes will be part of your class contribution grade. If you are absent without an excuse when called upon, if you are unprepared, or if you fail a quiz, this will count against your class contribution grade.

Accommodations/Equipment:

The University of Texas at Austin provides upon request appropriate accommodations for qualified students with disabilities upon request. For more information, contact the Office of the Dean of Students at 471-6259, 471-6441. No electronic devices (laptops, etc.) may be used during class unless medically necessary and approved.

Academic Integrity:

Your work in this class shall be your own independent work. The McCombs School of Business has no tolerance for acts of scholastic dishonesty. The responsibilities of both students and faculty with regard to scholastic dishonesty are described in detail in the **Policy Statement on Scholastic Dishonesty for the McCombs School of Business**. In enrolling in this class, you have agreed to abide by all the student responsibilities in the Policy Statement.

Tentative Course Outline

Topics	Chapters
Introduction/Areas of Laws: Nature of Law Court Systems Dispute Resolution Common and Statutory Law Criminal Law/Securities Regulation Torts/Products Liability Intellectual Property	1 2 3 4 7, 28 ¹ 8, 20 9
	MID-TERM I
Contracts: Forming a Contract Consideration Illegal and Voidable Contracts Contracts in Writing Third Party Rights Discharge of Contracts, Remedies	10, 11 12 13, 14 15 16 17, 18 ²
	MID-TERM II
Business Operations & Ethics: Partnerships/Corporations Antitrust Law Agency Employment law Business Ethics Corporate Sustainability	24, 25 29 22, 23 30 36, 37 38

FINAL (CUMMULATIVE)

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¹ Only pages 174-183, 686-688 & 698-702.

² Only pages 450-452, 472-492