

Legal Environment of Business

MGT/SOC 226

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OBJECTIVES: This course is designed as an introduction to the law as it applies to the business and commercial environment. Students will be introduced to the language of the law as well as the application of legal theory to the reality of commercial transactions and business organizations.

ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION: All students are expected to attend class and participate in class discussion. Failure to attend class on three or more occasions for any purpose automatically disqualifies the student from the possibility of receiving the highest participation grade.

WITHDRAWAL AND PLAGIARISM: The rules of the college as they apply to withdrawal from the course and plagiarism will be strictly followed. Students are encouraged to consult the college handbook for details of these policies.

METHOD OF EVALUATION: Three exams will be given. Exams are non-cumulative. In addition to the exams, class members will be given the option to present a group presentation on a topic related to the course material and approved by the instructor. Grades will be based on exams, the paper and participation according to the following scale:

80% Exams

20% Class Participation

Make-up exams will not be given unless the student can prove serious illness resulting in hospitalization or death in their immediate family. The burden of proof is on the student to demonstrate the above. Minor illnesses, fatigue, vacation plans, death of pets, and distant relatives are not excuses unless the Dean of the College permits dismissal for these reasons.

BLACKBOARD: It is my intention to use the Blackboard online system as an instructional tool this semester. When operable, students will be able to download and print the syllabus, class assignments, and outlines for class and challenge cases. Students will also be able to chat with me in real time about class matters and more easily contact me at other times. Greater facilitation of group work may also be a byproduct of this process.

REQUIRED TEXTS AND MATERIALS: The following book is required and is available for purchase at the Moravian College Bookstore: *West's Business Law: Legal Ethical, International and E-Commerce Environment* by Clarkson, Miller et al ninth edition.

Schedule of Assignments

01/15	Intro to the Legal Process
01/17	Continue with the above
01/22	Contracts, Chapter 09
01/24	Chapter 10
01/29	Chapter 11
01/31	Chapter 12
02/05	Chapter 13
02/07	Chapter 14
02/12	Chapter 15
02/14	Chapter 17
02/19	Continue with the above
02/21	Exam #1
02/26	Agency, Chapter 31
02/28	Agency, Chapter 32
03/05	No Class - Spring Break
03/07	No Class - Spring Break
03/12	Business Organizations, Chapter 5
03/14	Continue with above
03/19	Partnerships, Chapter 36
03/21	Limited Liability Companies, Chapter 41
03/26	Exam #2
03/28	Corporations, Chapter 37
04/02	Chapter 38
04/04	Continue with above
04/09	No Class - Easter Break
04/11	Chapter 39
04/16	Chapter 40
04/18	Continue with the above
04/24	Continue with the above
04/26	Ethics – Chapter 42

