Syllabus

Legal Environment 3130

Spring 2010                Sec. 001     12:40-2:05 p.m.      Monday-Wednesday FCB 133

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Text:  Essentials of Business Law, U of M customized version, Vol. 1, Mann & Roberts

Office Hours: Mondays, 4-5 p.m.; Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-noon, and by appointment (or
time any door is open).

Course Objective: To acquaint business majors with legal ethics and jurisprudence, the court system and
aspects of constitutional, criminal, regulatory, and international law that may affect them in their respective
chosen fields; to enhance their problem-solving skills and facilitate analysis through class discussion.

Attendance Policy: Attendance is not mandatory but is strongly encouraged and will be considered in
computing the final course grade. Roll will be randomly taken. Up to two points will be added to the final
grade based on consistent attendance. Students are responsible for signing the roll sheet when it is
circulated.

Assignments: Chapters will be covered as shown on the syllabus unless otherwise announced. I reserve
the right to alter this calendar as circumstances may dictate, including test dates. All changes will be
announced in class. Students not attending class are responsible for obtaining this information. In
addition, students are expected to read the text material before coming to class and to be prepared to
analyze, verbally and/or in writing, and to discuss cases and problems found throughout each chapter.

Examination Format: There will be three tests given during the semester plus a final exam. Exam format
may be essay and/or multiple-choice. The lowest test grade among the first three exams will be dropped in
computing the semester average. The final exam must be taken and the final exam grade cannot be
dropped. However, a student with a 90 or above average on the first three exams may be exempt
from the final. Exempt students are required to attend all classes following the third exam. Make-up
exams are strongly discouraged and will be allowed only at my discretion. The final exam may be
approximately 30 to 50 percent comprehensive. A – 90 & above; B 80-89; C 70-79; D 60-69; F 59 & below.

Class Conduct: Coffee and soft drinks are allowed in the classroom. Food is not. Please be prompt. For
the policy on general class conduct, see the classroom misconduct section of the Code of Student and
Disciplinary Procedures in the Student Handbook. Tape recording during the lecture is prohibited unless a
student is under a physical or learning disability and cannot take adequate notes. I will make the final
determination on the question.

Honor Code: Students are expected to do their own work on examinations. Cheating will not be tolerated.
For consequences of cheating, please refer to the Student Handbook, The Code of Student Conduct,
Academic Misconduct.

PLEASE NOTE: Legal Environment of Business 3130 is an upper division course. Students must have
completed 60 hours and have no grade below a C (2.0) and minimum quality point average of 2.25
(accounting majors 2.5) for all required lower division business core courses and in Math 1830 before
taking this course. The lower division business courses: Acct. 2010; 2020; Econ 2110, 2120; ISDS 2710;
Math 1830; MIS 2749 and MIS 2755. See the Undergraduate Catalog for all non-business and grade
average requirements. Students are responsible for meeting prerequisite requirements.

WARNING: If you do not have the appropriate division approval designated on your advisor slip and/or
prerequisite for this course, you may be administratively dropped. A prerequisite and upper division check
will be done once the first class roll has been issued. This check will not be completed until after the add period. If you do not have the required upper division approval or prerequisites, it is your responsibility to correct the situation during the official add period.

Class Schedule

Class Sessions

Jan. 20, 25, 27,
Feb. 1, 3, 8 (6 classes)  Intro, 1; Ethics, 2; Crts., 3; ConL., 4

Wednesday, February 10  EXAM

Feb. 15, 17, 22, 24,
March 1 (5 classes)  Ad.Law, 5; Crim. 6; Anti-Tr, 43

Wednesday, March 3  EXAM

March 8-13  SPRING BREAK

March 15, 17, 22, 24, 29
March 31 (6 classes)  Emp.Law, 42; Sec, 40; Conprt., 45

Monday, April 5  EXAM

April 7, 12, 14, 19,
21, 26 (6 classes)  EnvirL., 46; Intern’l L, 47; BK, 39

Wednesday, April 28  Review
Thursday, April 29  Study Day

Wednesday, May 5  10 a.m.-noon  FINAL EXAM