LEGAL ENVIRONMENT OF BUSINESS
FINANCE 270 – SECTION 2
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TEXT: Legal and Regulatory Environment of Business, 16th Edition
      By Reed, Shedd, et. al.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

1. ASSIGNMENTS: Read each chapter as assigned and prepared answers to review questions.

2. EXAMS: 4 will be given. May be subjective, objective or a combination of the two.

   Tentative Dates for Exams:
   
   Exam 1    September 11th  Chapters  1 - 5
   Exam 2    October 7th    Chapters  6, 7, 14, 15
   Exam 3    November 6th   Chapters  8 -11, 21
   Exam 4    December 9th   Chapters  13, 20, 21

3. ATTENDANCE: Will be taken at each class session.

4. GRADES: Each exam is equally weighted. There are no extra credit assignments or quizzes. Your course grade is based solely upon the test scores.

   NOTE: Each week, students should thoroughly read the materials assigned. The lectures may not follow the book. Therefore, read the book and attend each class session.

5. CHAPTER OUTLINES – Can be found at DESIRE2LEARN aka SALUKINET

   Outlines are not a substitute for class attendance
COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The student will be able to:

1. Identify and understand the fundamental aspects of our legal system, including state and federal constitutions; statutes (both State and Federal), ordinances, and regulations; the common law; and alternative dispute methods.

2. Identify minimal fundamental legal procedures and administrative practices encountered by American business and industry.

3. Describe various business crimes, business torts, and forms of business organizations.

4. Identify contractual rights and obligations; how contracts are formed and when they are void, voidable, illegal and unenforceable.

5. Differentiate between private and public agency enforcement of legal rights.

6. Describe the legal, moral, and ethical behaviors that are required and/or expected and the consequences (both legally and morally) if such behavior is breached.
SCHEDULE OF CLASSES AND TENTATIVE ASSIGNMENTS

08/19  Introduction and Overview

08/21, 08/26  Chapter 1  pp. 13 – 20 only
08/28  Chapter 3
Chapter 4  Skip:  Class Action Suits p. 99-101
Wal-Mart v. Dukes, p. 111-113

09/04  Chapter 5

09/09  Chapter 2  Skip:  p. 34-36 (formalism; consequentialism)
Desire2Learn case - Regina v. Dudley & Stephens

09/11  FIRST EXAM

09/16, 9/18  Chapter 6  Skip:  Adarand v. Pena, p. 185-188.
09/23  Chapter 7  pp. 222-226 only
Chapter 15  Skip:  Chamber/Commerce v. Whitney, pp.465-467
Free Enterprise, pp. 478-481

10/02  FCC v. AT&T, pp. 446-449

10/07  SECOND EXAM

10/09, 10/16, 10/21  Chapter 8  Skip:  Northeast Fence v. Murphy, pp. 239-240
Chapter 9  Defontes v. Dell, pp.246-247
pp. 268-272 only

10/23, 10/28  Chapter 10  Skip:  Branham v. Ford, pp. 311-312
10/30, 11/04,  Chapter 21  pp.706-709
Chapter 11  pp. 324-350 only
Skip:  Bilski v. Kappos, pp. 334-335

11/06  THIRD EXAM

11/20, 12/02  pp. 645 – 674 only

12/04  Chapter 21  pp. 703-706 only

12/09  FOURTH EXAM  5:45 – 7:00 p.m.