Instructor: Allan Karnes

Class Time: 2:00-4:45, Wednesdays, Rehn 24


Supplementary Text: THE BLUEBOOK: A Uniform System of Citation, published and distributed by Harvard Law Review Association, 19th ed. Can be purchased in local bookstores-usually in the Law School section or it is available in print and electronically at www.legalbluebook.com

Objectives of the Class: This class will focus on the constitutional and legislative limits of the retained state right to tax its commerce for its citizen’s health, welfare and benefit.

The purpose of the class is not to crunch numbers, but to understand the underlying concepts. Different states may have different methods of determining a tax, but whether that type of tax is allowable and whether the state may tax an individual or entity is a more interesting question and one we will explore.

Students who successfully complete the class will gain an in-depth understanding of the power of individual states to impose tax on its commerce.

Students should also have a basic understanding of the sociological, economic and political influences of state tax policy. Students will be expected to evaluate policy implications of the tax legislation, regulations and judicial decisions.

Students will also learn to interpret and analyze complex court decisions. In addition, students will be expected to present their understanding of given cases and related materials in a non-complex manner.

Class Structure: Each student will be expected to have a written brief of each case or other reading assigned (including the summarized text or note cases) each session. In addition to the cases, the text contains introductory materials and the specific questions and assignments in the notes and questions sections should be answered. All of the above must be completed in written form. Students will be randomly called upon to present a brief or answer the problems.

Any specific state statues should be available on Checkpoint.

Grades: Grades will be assigned on the following basis:

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The final will be essay and comprehensive.

The debates will occur as assigned. Each student (or team) will be assigned one side of a tax issue in
controversy. The pro side will have fifteen minutes to present their arguments followed by the same for the con side. Both teams will then have ten minutes to make counter arguments, then there will be a ten minute period with both teams on the floor for the final argument of the issue.

The class participation points will be a combination of:

- Regular participation in the class discussions: 100 pts.
- Attendance: 100 pts.

Attendance will be taken each week. For every class not attended, ten points will be deducted.

Participation points are assigned as follows:

- Able to present a brief and make give appropriate responses when called upon: 70 pts
- Above plus makes some attempts to voluntarily contribute: 80 pts
- Above plus regularly contributes voluntarily: 90 pts
- Above plus always voluntarily contributes: 100 pts

As mentioned previously, each student must be prepared for class each week. Being prepared for class means having read the material, written explanations in your own words of any references given to statutes, having prepared written briefs of the text material and written solutions to all problems in the assigned material. You should be ready to lead the discussion each week. Should a student sign the class roll and not be prepared as described above, thirty points will be deducted from the class participation portion of the grade. Each student will have one free day they can use each semester (not be prepared and still sign the roll). The instructor must be notified in writing before class that the student intends to use his/her free day.
Assignments:

Jan 20  Introduction -- Chapter 1
  27  Chapter 2 – Jurisdiction to Tax-through page 67
Feb 03  Chapter 2 – Jurisdiction to Tax-68-end of chapter
  10  Chapter 3 Regulation of Interstate Commerce-through page 152
  17  Chapter 3 Regulation of Interstate Commerce-pages 153-186
  24  Chapter 4 Equality and Uniformity through page 261
Mar 02  Chapter 4 Equality and Uniformity continued-though page 290
Mar 09  Off
  16  Break
  23  Chapter 6 Personal Income Taxes-through page 377
  30  Chapter 6 Personal Income Taxes-Balance of Chapter
April 06  Chapter 7 Corporate Income Taxes-through page 436
Apr 13  Chapter 7-Corporate Taxes continued through page 472
April 20  Chapter 7 – Corporate Taxes continued-through page 521
  27  Chapter 7 – Corporate Taxes continued-through page 543-602
May 04  Debates
May 11  Finals Week
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