

ACADEMIC COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE TITLE:	CONTRACTS	
COURSE NUMBERS:	LAW 500A	Contracts - 1st semester of two-semester course*
	LAW 500B	Contracts - 2nd semester of two-semester course*
	LAW 500A/B*	Contracts
	* Denotes all non-severable, two semester courses. Both semesters must be successfully completed to receive final A/B course grade.	
UNITS:	3 Units/Semester (must complete both semesters to earn 6-Unit final grade at the end of both semesters)	
COURSE TYPE:	Required	
PROFESSOR(S) NAME:	Hon. Robert S. Boyd	
PROFESSOR CONTACT INFO:	707-521-6732	
SCHEDULE:	Two-semester class: Spring 2014, Wednesdays 6-9:00pm, Room # 209 and Summer 2014, Wednesdays 6-9:00pm, Room # 209	
PREREQUISITES:	Successful completion of Introductory course work or equivalent	
COREQUISITES:	None	
TEXTS AND MATERIALS:	<p><i>Cases and Materials on Contracts, 8th Edition</i>; Farnsworth, et. al., Foundation Press; 8th Edition coming May 2013, ISBN # 9781609300975</p> <p><i>Selections for Contracts: UCC; Restatement Second; etc.</i>; Farnsworth & Young, Foundation Press, 9781609303617– (Supplement)</p>	
COURSE DESCRIPTION:	Remedies for breach of contract: consideration; offer and acceptance; problems of performance; conditions; impossibility; third party beneficiaries; assignment; Parole Evidence Rule; Statute of Frauds.	
COURSE OBJECTIVES / ANTICIPATED LEARNING OUTCOMES: (Description of what students will be expected to know and be able to do at the end of the course. What skills or knowledge will be gained by the end of the course.)	<p>Our goal is to develop students into successful lawyers. That includes not only learning black letter law, but being able to differentiate relevant from irrelevant facts, critically analyze the court's rulings and rationales, harmonize or distinguish applicable legal principles, and spontaneously argue legal and/or factual positions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students must demonstrate the minimum level of competency for an attorney in CA in the subject matter of Contracts • Students must demonstrate they possess a minimum level of knowledge to pass a CA State Bar Examination question involving the subject matter of Contracts <p>Students should expect to spend a <u>minimum</u> of two hours/per hour of instruction time on assigned readings and briefing cases. For example, a 3-hour class would require at least 6 hours of outside preparation time per week.</p>	

<p>FORMAT OVERVIEW / METHOD OF INSTRUCTION (Description of how the course will be taught, including breakdown of lecture, practicum, etc.)</p>	<p>Course material will be presented in modified form of Socratic questioning with occasional lectures. Students should be prepared to brief all cases assigned.</p>
<p>EXAMS:</p>	<p>Exams begin promptly at 6 p.m. All students must take examinations as scheduled. It is recognized that in special circumstances and due to emergencies, it may be necessary to schedule delayed examinations. An emergency is defined as a serious illness or injury to the student or a member of his or her immediate family. Special Circumstances are defined as other situations that, in the opinion of the Dean, are sufficient to warrant delay in taking examinations. Any student taking delayed examinations <u>must have the prior written approval of the Dean.</u> No examination may be taken <i>prior</i> to the day of the regularly scheduled examination. If delayed examinations are approved by the Dean, <u>a fee of \$75 will be charged for each such exam taken.</u> Failure to complete an exam is not sufficient reason for a late or retake exam.</p> <p>The midterm exam will be cumulative for the first semester. The final exam will be cumulative, covering all course material from both semesters.</p>
<p>GRADING / ASSESSMENT CRITERIA/CLASS POLICIES:</p>	<p>Empire College uses the following grading system: <u>Numerically graded classes:</u> 90 – 100 A Outstanding 80 - 89 B Superior 70 - 79 C Satisfactory 65 - 69 D Unsatisfactory 64 and Below Failing/No Credit</p> <p>Only numeric grades in Required courses are used to calculate grade point average. The course grade will be comprised of the results of: Midterm exam - 25% (only if improves grade) Final exam - 75% Plus possible reduction (not increase) for poor class participation, preparation and/or homework assignments (if any).</p> <p>Preparation, participation and homework (if any) are considered mandatory. Instructor may deduct up to 3 points from course grade for lack of preparation or participation or failure to submit homework assignments (if any).</p>
<p>ATTENDANCE:</p>	<p>Regular and punctual attendance is essential for the successful completion of law school. Students should plan to attend every class. A minimum of 80 percent attendance is required each semester. (36 hours - 12 of 15 classes). Roll will be taken at each class. Classroom sessions may not be recorded.</p>

ASSIGNMENTS: Spring 2014		
Week 1:	PGS. 1-21	Chapter 1 - Bases for Enforcing Promises
Week 2:	PGS. 21-52	Chapter 1 - Bases for Enforcing Promises – cont.
Week 3:	PGS. 52-90	Chapter 1 - Bases for Enforcing Promises – cont.
Week 4:	PGS. 90-123	Chapter 1 - Bases for Enforcing Promises – cont.
Week 5:	PGS. 125-156	Chapter 2 - Creating Contractual Obligations
Week 6:	PGS. 156-195	Chapter 2 - Creating Contractual Obligations – cont.
Week 7:	PGS. 195-220	Chapter 2 - Creating Contractual Obligations – cont.
Week 8:	PGS. 221-234	Chapter 2 – Creating Contractual Obligations – cont.
Week 9:	PGS. 234-271	Chapter 2 – Creating Contractual Obligations – cont.
Week 10:	PGS. 273-312	Chapter 3 – Statutes of Frauds
Week 11:	PGS. 312-359	Chapter 3 – Statutes of Frauds – cont. Chapter 4 – Policing the Bargaining Process
Week 12:	PGS.359-403	Chapter 4 – Policing the Bargaining Process – cont.
Week 13:	PGS. 403-448	Chapter 5 – Determining the Parties’ Obligations Under the Contract
Week 14:	Review	
Week 15: Midterm date TBA		

ASSIGNMENTS: Summer 2014		
Week 1:	PGS. 448-487	Chapter 5 – Determining the Parties’ Obligations Under the Contract – cont.
Week 2:	PGS. 489-550	Chapter 6 - Limits on the Bargain and its Performance

Week 3:	PGS. 550-589	Chapter 6 – Limits on the Bargain – cont.
Week 4:	PGS. 589-639	Chapter 6 – Limits on the Bargain – cont. Chapter 7 – Remedies for Breach
Week 5:	PGS. 639-674	Chapter 7 - Remedies for Breach – cont.
Week 6:	PGS. 674-709	Chapter 7 - Remedies for Breach – cont.
Week 7:	PGS. 709-749	Chapter 7 – Remedies for Breach – cont. Chapter 8 – Performance and Breach
Week 8:	PGS. 749-791	Chapter 8 – Performance and Breach – cont.
Week 9:	PGS. 791-823	Chapter 8 – Performance and Breach – cont.
Week 10:	PGS. 823-882	Chapter 8 – Performance and Breach – cont. Chapter 9 – Basic Assumptions: Mistake, Impracticability & Frustration
Week 11:	PGS. 882-939	Chapter 9 – Basic Assumptions – cont. Chapter 10 – Third Parties: Rights and Responsibilities
Week 12:	PGS. 939 - 1001	Chapter 10 - Third Parties: Rights and Responsibilities – cont.
Week 13:	REVIEW	
Week 14:	REVIEW / Practice Exams	
Week 15: Final Exam date TBA	FINAL EXAM	