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Text: Smith & Roberson, 11th Edition (Older editions are inadequate).
      Study Guide--optional--some students find this helpful

Course Objectives: The primary focus of this course is on contracts. You will get an introduction to the legal system, both state and federal. You will get a good look at tort law, both intentional and negligence theory. You will get a view in to criminal law, constitutional law, the law of agency, business ethics and community property and marriage contracts as they relate to business transactions. Since the thrust of this course is contacts, we will spend about half of the course on contracts. We will cover a chapter on each of the essentials of contracts, getting into contracts and getting out. We will study which contracts need to be in writing and how parties to a contract complete their obligation in contracts without being sued. When the course is completed, you should know when people have entered into a contract and be able to provide solutions to the parties. You will learn enough in some of these areas covered to know when to seek legal counsel for you, your business or your employer.

Office Hours: By appointment. If you ever need to talk to me, try to do so before or after class. You may call me at my school office (there is a recorder), at my school office (there is a recorder), or at my law office (there are secretaries or voice mail or an answering service to leave a message. Please leave a specific message and I will call you). I am always available to talk to you about any problems that arise. We will see each other approximately 12 times this semester. If you are in a hurry after class, you need only leave me a note with your name and phone number and I will call you. You should meet a few students in the class, in the event you miss class, you can call them for the assignment or what you missed.

Prerequisites: No course prerequisites, however, the student is required to have 60 hours of course credit to remain in the course.

Grades will be determined as follows:

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| Court Report-- extra credit-- separate syllabus | 15 pts. possible if submitted by 2\20\02  
                                        | 11 pts. possible if submitted by 3\13\02  
                                        | 8 pts. possible if submitted by 4\17\02  
                                        | After 4\17\02 too late |
Grading Scale: 90-100 = A  80-89 = B  70-79 = C  60-69 = D  below 60 = F

ORDER that material will be covered: Chapters 1, 3, 4, 9, 10, and 7---------- first exam
Chapters 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 2---- second exam
Chapters 17, 19, 20, 6, 8, community property, marriage contracts and other covered material

Working students: If you are working, please advise your employer that you will have a group (university scheduled) final exam in this course.

SCANTRONS You will need to bring to class scantron sheets starting on class 2--buy a pack of the small ones right off.

If you read the assignments and brief the cases in the assignment you will not likely need the textbook in class. You may wish to bring your book to class for participation. You should outline each chapter and brief each case according to Chapter One suggestions---before each class.

Small exams will usually be on assigned but not yet-covered-in-class material. These will be a measure of your preparedness for class and your ability to participate. A few will be announced, most won’t. Your performance on these will generally improve as we progress through the semester.

ATTENDANCE is an integral part of the course. If you miss two (2) classes, two weeks, during the semester you must contact the instructor before or after class upon the day you return to class. If you fail to discuss this problem with the instructor after missing 2 classes, you will automatically lose 5% on your final grade. Any student who misses 4 classes, that is four weeks, during the semester will lose 10% off his final grade. Any student who misses 6 classes or more will receive an F grade in the course. If you seek understanding or excuse for and absence, it must be discussed with the instructor and documented by the student to the satisfaction of the instructor at the time you return to class. Bring evidence with you upon your return that suggests your excuse is real. Small exams will not be made up. No makeup exams will be allowed without real good reasons and documentation provided by the student immediately following the missed exam. When you can, you should call before it happens. Approved makeups will be a fair discussion exam given upon first return to class.

ON TIME: You must come to class on time in order to be marked present. The class is difficult to manage due to the numbers of students enrolled in them. It is not nice to interrupt class by coming late. There may good reasons at times for being late. The first two times you are late, you may submit a signed written request with good reasons why you wish to be marked present for that class. Beyond that, you will be marked absent if you come in after the role sheet has passed your seat. We will not begin class early. If a student is repeatedly late, he will be asked to discontinue the course. You will be asked to sit in an assigned seat. Don’t let anyone sit in your seat during class.

Seating Chart: You will be asked to sit in an assigned seat for the semester.

University policy on academic dishonesty will be strictly enforced.