BUSINESS LAW Syllabus

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Course Description

This course includes the study of practical application of law dealing with the individual's need for protection of his/her personal rights and obligations in everyday life and business agreements. Students will study the origin of law, ethics, legal terminology, contracts, insurance, and property rights (renting, owning).

Business & Personal Law provides students with the foundation and skills necessary to become knowledgeable and productive members of society. The information found in this course can help the students make the best possible choices for their future.

Course Outline

- 1. Foundations of Law
- 2. The Court System
- 3. Criminal Law
- 4. Tort Law
- 5. Contract Law
- 6. Consumer Law
- 7. Entrepreneurship & Employment Law

Course Content

Unit 1: Foundations of Law

- I can explain how I decide what is ethical in my own life.
- I can explain the relationship between law, ethics, and morals.
- > I can explain the sources of today's laws.

Unit 2: The Court System

- ➤ I can compare and contrast federal, state, and local court systems.
- > I can explain the role of a jury.
- I can compare the responsibilities of the defense attorneys to the prosecutors.

Unit 3: Criminal Law

- ➤ I can describe the elements of a crime.
- I can classify crimes against people, property, government, business, and society.
- > I can differentiate between a misdemeanor and a felony.
- ➤ I can state an individual's rights if arrested.
- ➤ I can list steps in a criminal trial.
- > I can explain the defenses available to defendants.
- ➤ I can describe punishments and sentences associated with crimes.

Unit 4: Tort Law

- > I can distinguish between a tort and a crime.
- > I can differentiate between intentional and unintentional torts.
- > I can describe the steps in a civil trial.

- > I can describe remedies available in tort law.
- > I can apply the four components of negligence to a case study.

Unit 5: Contract Law

- > I can explain all of the elements that go into making a valid and binding contract.
- ➤ I can explain what type of person can enter into a contract.

Unit 6: Consumer Law

- ➤ I can explain the rights and responsibilities of consumers; e.g. false advertising, telemarketing, product liability, etc.
- I can describe laws and agencies that provide consumer protection.
- ➤ I can distinguish between a sale of goods and other transactions relating to goods.
- I can describe different types of bankruptcy and identify reasons for bankruptcy laws.
- > I can identify legislation that regulates consumer credit and provides consumer protection.

Unit 7: Entrepreneurship & Employment Law

- ➤ I can demonstrate an understanding of the nature of employer-employee relationship.
- I can identify federal, state, and local laws and agencies dealing with employment.
- ➤ I can describe the laws that guarantee fair wages and benefits.
- ➤ I can describe the laws that regulate unions and the collective-bargaining process.
- ➤ I can analyze the impact of no-competition and confidentiality clauses in employment agreements.

Classroom Expectations

Below is my list of non-negotiables. We will create a set of individual class rules in the near future. Detentions will be assigned as described in the Student Behavior Guide. Pay particular attention to the tardy policy.

- 1. Arrive to class on time.
- 2. Come to class prepared to work.
- 3. Engage in class activities.
- 4. Minimize distractions.
- 5. No food or drink (expect a bottle of water) in the classroom.

Grading Policies

Numeric grades: A = 90 - 100

B = 80 - 89 C = 70 - 79 D = 60 - 69F = 00 - 59

Percentages: Summative Assessments = 70%

Classwork = 30%

Course Power Vocabulary

| Administrative Agencies | Defense of family members | Contributory Negligence | Implied |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Ethics | Entrapment | Defamation | Offer |
| Greatest Good | Felony | Duty of Care | Revocation |
| Golden Rule | Insanity | Emotional Distress | Unilateral |
| Law | Kidnapping | Negligence | Bait and Switch |
| Morals | Larceny | Proximate Cause | Buyer's Remedies |
| Statutes | Manslaughter | Trespass | Consumer Product |
| | | | Safety Act |
| Appellate Court | Misdemeanor | Tort | Seller's Remedies |
| District Court | Murder | Wrongful Death | Uniform Commercial |
| | | | Code (UCC) |
| Grand Jury | Perjury | Acceptable | Warranties |
| Supreme Court | Robbery | Bilateral | Agent |
| Assault | Actual Harm | Contract | Agency |
| Battery | Assumption of Risk | Counteroffer | Benefits |
| Burglary | Breach of Duty | Express | Collective Bargaining |
| Crime | Comparative Negligence | Genuine Agreement | Liability |
| | | Principal | Union |