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CONTRACTS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 2.00- 3.20pm.

COURSE BOOKS: Macauley, Braucher, Kidwell & Whitford, CONTRACTS: LAW IN ACTION VOL. 1 (2010)¹ and Burton & Eisenberg, CONTRACT LAW, SELECTED SOURCE MATERIALS ANNOTATED (2015).²

Please be sure to read (carefully) all sections of the UCC and Restatement 2d referred to in the readings for the class - you can find these in the Source Materials book.

There is a blog for this class at <http://blenderlaw.umlaw.net/contracts/>. I will post details of assignments for class on the blog to supplement this outline syllabus. I will also post questions for discussion and links to useful resources. I will update the blog at the end of each week, but may add material at other times. You should check the blog at least once each week during the semester. If I would like you to look at material on the blog at other times I will announce this fact in class.

Cautionary note: on the blog I make available the assignments and materials for previous semesters. In Fall 2013 and Fall 2014 I used a different Casebook from the one I am using this semester and this means that the materials relating to those semesters, including the midterms and final exams don't always fit well with the materials as they are organized in our book.

OFFICE HOURS: I am happy to talk with you about the course and any questions you may have. In my experience office hours don't work out too well, so if you would like to speak to me please contact me by email to make an appointment. I am also happy to answer questions after class and by email. Please do be sure to ask me if you have questions about the material either in or out of class. It is much better to clear up uncertainties as they arise rather than waiting until the end of the semester.

¹ The book was available from Amazon at \$162.89 (hardcover) \$126.35 (looseleaf) as of July 27, 2015 (Kindle price: \$84.99).

² The book was available from Amazon at \$44.33 as of July 27, 2015.

ASSESSMENT AND ATTENDANCE: Your performance in this course will be assessed by means of a three-hour, in-class, **closed book** examination. I will take attendance. You are entitled to three **unexplained** absences from class during the semester. I reserve the right to lower the grade of anyone who misses more than three classes without informing me of the reason for their absence. If you miss a significant number of classes you risk being dropped from the course. If you miss a class please do ask me if you have any questions about the material you missed. Consistent **and useful** participation in class **may** raise your grade.

OUTLINE OF THE SEMESTER PLAN: We will cover the material in the Casebook in order as we progress through the semester. I will provide detailed reading assignments via the class blog. Up to the Fall Break we will be studying remedies: working through the materials is slower in the early weeks than it is later. I expect to be able to cover the material in the section of the book on Contract and Continuing Relations, some of the material on Social Control of Free Contract and some additional material I will provide for you via the blog.

We will not be meeting during the week beginning September 7th, but I will give you some work to do that week and may decide to schedule make-up classes (if all goes according to plan we should have sufficient time in class without the make-ups to meet the required number of class minutes but it may make sense to use the additional time - I will give you plenty of advance warning of the make-up times).

DISABILITIES: If you have a disability, or suspect that you may have a disability, the Law School encourages you to contact Jessie Howell, Acting Coordinator, Disability Services in the Office of Disability Services for information about available opportunities, resources, and services. Her phone number is 305-284-1924, and her email address is jhowell@law.miami.edu . You may also visit the Office of Disability Services website at www.law.miami.edu/disability-services .