

BUSINESS AND PERSONAL LAW

Course Outline

I. Laws & Their Ethical Foundation

- A. Our Laws and Legal Systems
- B. Types of Laws
- C. Ethical Bases for Laws

II. Constitutional Rights

- A. Foundations of the U.S. Constitution
- B. Division and Balance of Powers
- C. The Internet and Constitutional Rights

III. Court Systems

- A. Forms of Dispute Resolution
- B. The Federal Court System
- C. State Court Systems
- D. Juvenile Law

IV. Criminal Law and Procedure

- A. Criminal Law
- B. Criminal Procedure

V. Civil Law and Procedure

- A. Private Injuries vs. Public Offenses
- B. Intentional Torts, Negligence and Strict Liability
- C. Civil Procedure

VI. Offer and Acceptance of Contracts

- A. Creation of Offers
- B. Termination of Offers
- C. Acceptances
- D. Duress and Undue Influence
- E. Mistake, Misrepresentation and Fraud
- F. Protection Through Governmental Action
- G. Protection Through Action By the Consumer

VII. Marriage and Divorce

- A. Marriage and the Law of Contracts
- B. Divorce and the Law of Contracts
- C. Adoption, Emancipation and Child Protective Services

VIII. Property and Its Acquisition

- A. Types of Property
- B. How Property is Acquired and Held
- C. Ownership and Transfer of Real Property
- D. Leasing Real Property
- E. Property Distribution Upon Death
- F. Trusts

IX. Borrowing Money and Paying Bills

- A. Legal Protection of Creditors
- B. Legal Protection of Debtors and Credit Card Users
- C. Credit Card Schemes and Scams
- D. Identity Theft and Credit Card Fraud
- E. Bankruptcy