Fall 2016 Syllabus

COURSE NUMBER: MBAD 6285

COURSE TITLE: Healthcare MBA: Business Law

DESCRIPTION: We’ll examine the legal environment of business, with particular attention to the liability of organizations and their managers for contracts, torts, and crimes. You’ll learn strategies for avoiding legal nightmares and also develop their communication skills through assignments that require clear, concise, and accurate writing.

PREREQUISITES: None

PROFESSOR: Gordon Yu, Esq., MBA  
Adjunct Professor  
Department of Accountancy

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Phone: 202-520-6773 (leave a message if I don’t pick up)

OFFICE HOURS: Email me to schedule

MEDIUM: Go to GW’s Blackboard system at for all lectures, assignments and exams.

MATERIALS: Watch recorded lectures on Blackboard

Take detailed, organized notes on the lectures. The exam is open note. Exam questions are written specifically for the lecture.

There is no textbook for this course due to prior student feedback. If you feel your experience would be incomplete without a textbook, email me to discuss. I can assign you a textbook and readings if you want.

REQUIREMENTS: Take the exams on a stable Internet connection, due to Blackboard’s software limitations. In the past, students in remote locations traveled to get stable Internet.

LIVE Attend (or watch at your convenience) the following live discussions:
DISCUSSIONS:
- Pre-Exam 1 Discussion. Required and recorded.
- Post-Exam 1 Review. Optional.
- Pre-Exam 2 Discussion. Required and recorded.

The professor will poll students on their availability and schedule the discussions accordingly. Students unable to attend the required live discussions should watch them on Blackboard.

GRADING:
- Online Discussion 1               20 points
- Exam 1                            30 points
- Online Discussion 2               20 points
- Exam 2                            30 points

100 points

LATE PENALTY: Late assignments lose 10% of the maximum possible points every 24 hours.

EXAMS:
- Are available to be taken starting Thursdays. They are due on Sundays at 11pm EST, meaning you must start before 10pm EST.

GRADE CURVE: I curve all grades using this guideline:

“The Business School MBA Faculty Task Force recommends a final grade distribution averaging between 3.2 and 3.4 (B=3.0; A=4.0) with no more than 20% of the class receiving a grade of A. Adjustments may occur if warranted by the distribution of grades.”

NO EXTRA CREDIT: We have no extra credit because extra credit biases grades against classmates who lack time for additional projects.
# Course Schedule

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| 1    | Aug. 29-    | ☐ Post on the “Introduce Yourselves!” discussion  
☐ Go to [http://bit.ly/2aYYS9R](http://bit.ly/2aYYS9R) and indicate when you are available for live discussions  
☐ Take notes on “Introduction to Law” and “Dispute Resolution” lectures (runtime: 1 hour)  
☐ Try Sample Exam Questions: Intro to Law  
☐ Try the Practice Exam. Specifically, practice skipping questions and using the “Question Completion Status” feature to navigate. If questions take longer than a few a seconds to load, consider taking your real exams at a location with better Internet (my apologies). |
|      | Sep. 4      |                                                                                                                                             |
| 2    | Sep. 5-     | ☐ Revisit “Introduce Yourselves!” and network!  
☐ Take notes on “Torts” lectures (runtime: 2 hours)  
☐ Try Sample Exam Questions: Torts |
|      | Sep. 11     |                                                                                                                                             |
| 3    | Sep. 12-    | ☐ Take notes on “Contracts” lectures (runtime: 2 hours)  
☐ Try Sample Exam Questions: Contracts  
☐ Before Sunday, Sep. 18, 10pm EST: post in Discussion 1 |
|      | Sep. 18     |                                                                                                                                             |
| 4    | Sep. 19-    | ☐ Take notes on “Agency” lectures (runtime: 2 hours)  
☐ Before Wednesday, Sep. 21, 10pm EST: write 2 replies in Discussion 1  
☐ Required Live Session: scheduled by poll  
☐ Before Sunday, Sep. 25, 10pm EST: take Exam 1 (timed: 1 hour) |
|      | Sep. 25     |                                                                                                                                             |
| 5    | Sep. 26-    | ☐ Take notes on “Partnerships & LLCs” lectures (runtime: 2 hours)  
☐ Before Sunday, Oct. 2, 10pm EST, post in Discussion 2 |
|      | Oct. 2      |                                                                                                                                             |
| 6    | Oct. 3-     | ☐ Take notes on “Corporations” lectures (runtime: 2 hours)  
☐ Optional Live Session (exam review): scheduled by poll  
☐ Before Wednesday, Oct. 5, 10pm EST, write 2 replies in Discussion 2 |
|      | Oct. 8      |                                                                                                                                             |
| 7    | Oct. 9-     | ☐ Take notes on “Criminal Law” lectures (runtime: 1 hour)  
☐ Required Live Session: scheduled by poll  
☐ Before Sunday, Oct. 16, 10pm EST: take Exam 2 (timed: 1 hour) |
|      | Oct. 16     |                                                                                                                                             |
Assignment Overview

Discussions
During two weeks, the class participates in Blackboard (online) discussion forums. For the first discussion, students post a brief response to the discussion question and then post brief replies to two other students’ arguments. For the second discussion, students first find an article on a business law topic and post it in the discussion area along with a brief summary and analysis. Then students post two comments to two other students’ articles and summaries.

Exams
The two exams consist of a mix of multiple-choice and short answer questions. Both exams must be completed in a 1-hour, single sitting. The questions test students’ knowledge of business law and legal terminology and their ability to apply this knowledge to new situations. During the exam, you may use your notes from our lectures, but no other materials. Some students find it helpful to type their handwritten notes to easily find concepts during the exam, and to review for the exam. Use of other materials will result in a written referral to the director of academic integrity, as well as a zero on the exam.

University-wide Policies

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY: The code of academic integrity applies to all courses in the George Washington School of Business. Please become familiar with the code. All students are expected to maintain the highest level of academic integrity throughout the course of the semester. Please note that acts of academic dishonesty during the course will be prosecuted and harsh penalties may be sought for such acts. Students are responsible for knowing what acts constitute academic dishonesty. The code may be found at: http://www.gwu.edu/~ntegrity/code.html

RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATION: Students should notify faculty during the first week of the semester of their intention to be absent from class on their day(s) of religious observance. Faculty should extend to these students the courtesy of absence without penalty on such occasions, including permission to make up examinations. Faculty who intend to observe a religious holiday should arrange at the beginning of the semester to reschedule missed classes or to make other provisions for their course-related activities.

DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES (DSS): Any student who may need an accommodation based on the potential impact of a disability should contact the Disability Support Services office at 202-994-8250 in the Rome Hall, Suite 102, to establish eligibility and to coordinate reasonable accommodations. For additional information please refer to: http://disabilitysupport.gwu.edu/

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES: The University's Mental Health Services, 202-994-5300, offers 24/7 assistance and referral to address students' personal, social, career, and study skills problems. Services for students include: crisis and emergency mental health consultations confidential assessment, counseling services (individual and small group), and referrals. Please see http://counselingcenter.gwu.edu/