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SPORTS LAW

COURSE NO. 789 – SECTION 1

FALL 2020

PROFESSOR

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and by appt.
               1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT NOTE:

Communication: I am available for consultation by phone or email, all hours.

Global Pandemic: This course will be conducted entirely online.

ONLINE CLASS SCHEDULE: Monday, Wednesday
                        9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
COURSE BOOK & MATERIAL


[Supplemental reading: Champion’s Sports Law in a Nutshell (5th ed., 2017)]

COURSE DESCRIPTION & OBJECTIVE

Overview of sports law with emphasis on contracts and new developments in Antitrust. We will cover all 13 chapters of my case book.

OBJECTIVE:

To give an overall review of Sports Law and provide discussion into current topics such as the collective bargaining wars, Lance Armstrong, the bounty scandal, Sterling’s fiasco, Colin Kaepernick, NCAA “woes”, California Fair Pay for Fair Play Act, sports betting, sport scandals, etc. Also, to provide practical insight into drafting professional sports employment contracts and to understand the commissioners’ power in football, baseball, and basketball to penalize alleged wrongdoers.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

The objective of this course is for the student to master the basic legal concepts behind Sports Law, including Contracts, Agency, Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, Labor Law, Antitrust and Torts.

Professor Champion_Sports Law
PARTICIPATION

Participation is encouraged and each student will recite at least one case brief and/or sports related legal problem. There will be class presentations for extra points.

GRADING

There will be a Take-Home essay exam consisting of 15 essays. There will be a 100 question multiple choice final exam. There will also be a Diagnostic mid-term essay exam based on a bar essay question (5%).

ACCOMMODATIONS

If you require special accommodations, please fill out the necessary forms with the Dean's office. Your application and documentation will remain confidential. Your prompt attention will allow the law school to accommodate you, as soon as it has been made aware of your situation.

Please see:


ATTENDANCE

You are allowed to have six unexcused absences. After four, you will have a mandatory counseling session. Any absences after the sixth will result in a loss of points in your grade calculation.
PROFESSIONALISM

During the pandemic, this course will be taught entirely online, but there is still an expectation of appropriate conduct during the online sessions.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES


~FINAL EXAM~

NOTE:

Final Exam is 15 essay take-home exam to be e-mailed on the last day of class, and returned three days later at 5:00 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 5, 2020, to Prof. Champion’s administrative assistant, toyann.timmons@tmslaw.tsu.edu (exam#only).
# Reading Assignments

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2020*
FALL SEMESTER 2020 (MODIFIED 13-WEEK SCHEDULE)

Orientation (online) Mon-Fri, Aug. 3 – 7, 2020
First Day of Class Mon., Aug. 10, 2020
Last Day to ADD/DROP Wed., Aug. 12, 2020
Labor Day (NO CLASSES) Mon., Sept. 7, 2020
Purge of all unpaid course selections Mon., Sept. 14, 2020

Mid Term Examinations Mon – Fri, Oct. 5-9, 2020
Last Day to Drop a Class with grade of “W” Fri., Oct. 30, 2020
Last Day of Classes Wed., Nov. 4, 2020
First Year Professors’ Grades due Wed., Nov. 4, 2020
Reading Period (NO CLASS) Thurs.- Sun., Nov. 5-8, 2020

Final Examinations Mon.– Thurs. 9 – 19, 2020
Commencement Exercises Sat., Nov. 21, 2020

*Please note that the calendar events and /or dates are subject to change. Updated July 1, 2020