



SYLLABUS

SPORTS LAW

COURSE NO. 789 – SECTION 1

FALL 2019

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12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

COURSE BOOKS & MATERIAL

Champion's Sports Law: Cases, Documents, and Materials (2nd ed., 2014 Aspen)

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

COURSE DESCRIPTION & OBJECTIVE

DESCRIPTION:

Overview of sports law with emphasis on contacts 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 and the NCAA "woes". 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.

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:

http://www.tsulaw.edu/student_affairs/docs/2011-2012AccommodationsHandbook.pdf

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.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Please reference the Thurgood Marshall School of Law [Student Rules and Regulations Handbook](#).

~ FINAL EXAMS ~

NOTE: Final Exam is a 100 question multiple-choice exam on date, time and place as scheduled).

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW

TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2019 – 2020

FALL SEMESTER ACCELERATED (TURBO) COURSE

First Day of Accelerated Summer	Monday	August 5, 2019
Last Day to Add/Drop Classes	Monday	August 5, 2019
Last Day of Classes	Friday	August 16, 2019

FALL SEMESTER 2019 (SEVENTY-ONE DAYS OF CLASSES)

Orientation	Monday–Friday	August 12–16, 2019
First Day of Class	Monday	August 19, 2019
Last Day to ADD/DROP	Wednesday	August 21, 2019
Labor Day (NO CLASSES)	Monday	September 2, 2019
<i>Purge of all unpaid course selections</i>	Wednesday	September 18, 2019
Mid Term Examinations	Monday–Friday	October 14–18, 2019 Last
Day to Drop a Class	Friday	November 8, 2019
Last Day of Classes	Tuesday	November 26, 2019
First Year Professors' Grades due	Tuesday	November 26, 2019
Reading Period (NO CLASS)	Wednesday	November 27, 2019
Thanksgiving Holiday	Thursday–Friday	November 28–29, 2019
Reading Period (NO CLASS)	Saturday–Sunday	November 30–December 1, 2019
Final Examinations	Monday–Friday	December 2–December 13, 2019
Commencement Exercises	Saturday	December 14, 2019

SPRING SEMESTER 2020 (SEVENTY DAYS OF CLASSES)

School Opens	Thursday	January 2, 2020
First Day of Class	Monday	January 13, 2020
Last Day to ADD/DROP	Wednesday	January 15, 2020
M L K Holiday (NO CLASSES)	Monday	January 20, 2020
<i>Purge of all unpaid course selections</i>	Friday	February 7, 2020
Mid Term Examinations	Monday–Friday	March 9–13, 2020 Spring
Break	Monday–Friday	March 16–20, 2020
Spring Break (University Closed)	Wednesday–Friday	March 18–20, 2020 Last
Day to Drop a Class	Thursday	April 9, 2020
Good Friday (NO CLASSES)	Friday	April 10, 2020
Last Day of Classes	Tuesday	April 28, 2020
First Year Professors' Grades due	Tuesday	April 28, 2020
Reading Period (NO CLASSES)	Wednesday–Thursday	April 29–April 30, 2020
Simulated Bar Exam*	Friday	May 1, 2020 (<i>tentative</i>)
Reading Period (NO CLASSES)	Saturday–Sunday	May 2–May 3, 2020 Final
Examinations	Monday–Friday	May 4–May 15, 2020
Hooding Ceremony	Friday	May 15, 2020
Commencement Exercises	Saturday	May 16, 2020

Please note that the calendar events and /or dates are subject to change.

Updated August 6, 2019

READING ASSIGNMENTS

Week One

8/19/19

Chapter 1 & 2

Introduction & Contracts

Week Two

8/26/19

Chapter 2

Contracts

Week Three

9/2/19

Chapter 3

Agents

Week Four

9/9/19

Chapter 4

Labor Law

Week Five

9/16/19

Chapters 4, 5

Labor Law, Antitrust

Week Six

9/23/19

Chapter 5

Antitrust

Week Seven

9/30/19

Chapter 6

Torts

Week Eight

10/7/19

Chapters 6, 7

Torts, Criminal Liability

Week Ten

10/14/19

Chapter 8

Athletic Eligibility

Week Eleven

10/21/19

Chapter 9

Discipline

Week Twelve

10/28/19

Chapter 10

The NCAA

Week Thirteen

11/4/19

Chapter 11

Women and Sports

Week Fourteen

11/11/19

Chapter 12

International Law

Week Fifteen

11/18/19

Chapter 13 & Review

Intellectual Property