



TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL *of* LAW

RECREATIONAL INJURIES

LAW 723 / SECTION 1

FALL 2019

PROFESSOR

WALTER CHAMPION

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 (12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m.)

(All other times by appointment only)

NOTE FROM THE PROFESSOR:

COURSE BOOKS & MATERIAL

Champion, Recreational Injuries, Cases, Documents, and Materials, (Aspen Select, August 2015). **This book must be brought to every class.**

COURSE DESCRIPTION & OBJECTIVE

DESCRIPTION:

Detailed analysis of recreational injury cases and litigation. Detailed review of torts as it relates to various sports and recreational injuries. This year we're going to look at "the Punch" and concussion litigation as our practicum.

OBJECTIVE:

To provide a detailed analysis into the law and litigation of injury cases in sports and recreational situations.

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



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PARTICIPATION, ATTENDANCE & PROFESSIONALISM

ATTENDANCE:

The Student Rules and Regulations do **not** provide for excused absences under any circumstance(s).

Students are provided a certain number of absences per class, per semester that may be used/taken for any reason whatsoever. The allowed absences follow this formula: $[\text{number of credit hours} \times 2] - 1$, (Example: $3(\text{hrs.}) \times 2 = 6 - 1 = 5$ allotted absences for a three hour course for the entire semester). Any absences after the four excused absences will result in a loss of points in your overall grade calculation.

Once the allotted number of absences are exceeded, a student's grade may be reduced. To this affect, a list of each student's name and the number of absences is submitted to the Office of the Dean at the end of each semester. As such, a scale is applied in order to calculate the grade reduction so that the rule is implemented in a uniform manner.



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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

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

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

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READING ASSIGNMENTS

Week 1 – August 19, 2019 – Chapter 1

Week 2 – August 26, 2019 – Chapter 1

Monday, September 2, 2019 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Week 3 – September 2, 2019 – Chapter 2

Week 4 – September 9, 2019 – Chapter 2

Week 5 – September 16, 2019 – Chapter 3

Week 6 – September 23, 2019 – Chapter 3

Week 7 – September 30, 2019 – Chapter 4

Week 8 – October 7, 2019 – Chapter 5

Week 9 – October 14, 2019 – Chapter 6

Week 10 – October 21, 2019 – Chapter 7

Week 11 – October 28, 2019 – Chapter 8, 9

Week 12 – November 4, 2019 – Chapter 10, 11

Week 13 – November 11, 2019 – Chapter 12

Week 14 – November 18, 2019 – Chapter 12

Take – home essay examination.