



TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL *of* LAW

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Professor

SYLLABUS

SPORTS LAW

COURSE No. 789 – SECTION 1

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10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT NOTE:

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

CLASS SCHEDULE: Monday, Wednesday 1:00-2:15, Rm. 211

COURSE BOOK & MATERIAL

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

[Supplemental reading: Champion's Sports Law in a Nutshell (6th ed., 2022)]

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.

PARTICIPATION

Participation is encouraged, and each student will recite at least one case brief and/or sports related legal problem. Also, we'll have presentations –two to four students for five extra credit points for each student.

GRADING

The Final Exam is 100 multiple choice questions. There will also be a Diagnostic mid-term essay exam.

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.

PROFESSIONALISM

Even during these perilous times, there is still an expectation of appropriate conduct during class.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

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

~FINAL EXAM~

100 multiple choice questions on last day of class

READING ASSIGNMENTS

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|---------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Week One | Jan. 10-12 | Chapters 1 & 2 | Intro & Contracts |
| Week Two | Jan. 19 | Chapter 2 | Contracts |
| Week Three | Jan. 24-26 | Chapter 2 | Contracts |
| Week Four | Jan.31-Feb.2 | Chapter 3 | Agents |
| Week Five | Feb. 7-9 | Chapter 4 | Labor Law |
| Week Six | Feb.14-16 | Chapter 5 | Antitrust |
| Week Seven | Feb. 21-23 | Chapter 5 | Antitrust |
| Week Eight | Feb. 28- Mar. 2 | Chapters 6 | Torts |
| Week Nine | Mar. 7-Mar.9 | Chapter 7 | Criminal Liability |
| Test | Mar. 9 | Diagnostic | Mid-Term |
| Week Ten | Mar. 14-18 | Spring Break | Spring Break |
| Week Eleven | Mar. 21-23 | Chapter 8 | Athletic Eligibility |
| Week Twelve | Mar.28-30 | Chapter 9 | Discipline |
| Week Thirteen | Apr.4-6 | Chapter 10 | The NCAA |
| Week Fourteen | Apr.11-13 | Chapter 11 | Women and Sports |
| Week Fifteen | Apr. 18-20 | Chapter 12 | International Law |
| Week sixteen | Apr. 25-27 | Chapter 13 | Intellectual Property |