Welcome to Sports Law. Sports Law is a three credit hour course that will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:20 p.m.

Required Materials.


2. Periodic hand outs of other required readings that I have photocopied and will distribute to you in class for your use.

Grades. Your final grade will be based primarily on two components: (1) your final examination score (75% of final grade); and (2) a contract negotiation problem (25% of final grade). Consistent, meritorious performance in class participation and assignments, however, may enhance your examination score to the next closest grade (for example, B to B+). The reverse is also true. Consistent, deficient performance in class participation and assignments (including excessive absences) may reduce your examination score by the same increment.

Exam. Your final examination will be "open book." You will be permitted to bring your Sports Law textbook, any class hand outs and your notes or outlines. However, you are not allowed to bring in other outside materials such as hornbooks, nutshells, Emmanuals, other Sports Law textbooks, etc.

Attendance. Attendance is required. You are required by the ABA to attend 80% of the classes in order to receive credit for the course. Anyone missing 20% or more of classes will not be permitted to take the final examination and will receive an "F" for the course. If you have a serious illness, death in the family, or other emergency, please see me.

Contact Information. You may contact me via e-mail at jeff.s.miller@p66.com or my direct line at (832) 765-1224.

Class Format. Attendance is not participation. Class sessions are heavily discussion oriented. I will assume that you have prepared each assignment thoroughly and that you have a basic grasp of the facts and issues raised by the cases and materials in the text and any other assigned materials. You are also expected to be prepared for and participate in every problem-solving exercise.
ASSIGNMENTS

WEEKS 1-2

CHAP 1  AMATEUR SPORTS AND THE LAW
         pp. 1-18; pp. 28-52

WEEKS 2-3

CHAP 2  AMATEUR SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS
         pp. 53-99; pp. 108-120

WEEK 4

CHAP 3  GENDER EQUITY IN AMATEUR ATHLETICS
         pp. 121-182

WEEK 5

CHAP 5  LEAGUE DECISION MAKING AND COMMISSIONER POWER
         pp. 227-262; pp. 270-310

WEEK 6

CHAP 5  (CONT.)
         pp. 318-333; pp. 360-375

CHAP 6  LABOR RELATIONS IN PROFESSIONAL SPORTS
         pp. 377 – 405; 415-427

WEEK 7

CHAP 7  ENFORCEMENT OF SPORTS CONTRACTS
         pp. 429-463; pp. 479-489

WEEK 8

CHAP 8  REPRESENTATION OF PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES
         pp. 491-534
WEEK 9

CHAP 9  NEGOTIATION OF SPORTS CONTRACTS
        pp. 545-594

NEGOTIATION PROBLEM

WEEK 10

CHAP 10  STADIUM AND ARENA ISSUES
        pp. 595-626

CHAP 11  CRIMINAL LIABILITY OF SPORTS PARTICIPANTS
        pp. 629-649

WEEKS 11-12

CHAP 12  TORTS AND SPORTS
        pp. 651-709

WEEK 12

CHAP 13  INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ISSUES IN SPORTS
        pp. 763-787

WEEKS 13-14

CHAP 14  HEALTH AND DISABILITY ISSUES
        pp. 811-840; pp. 851-871

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