

Contracts
Professor Nimmer
Syllabus
Fall 2017

Book:

Murray, Contracts: Cases and Materials (7th edition)

Expectations:

Attendance and preparation. Attendance should be at least 80% of all classes.

Students should expect to be called on each day. Students will be expected to prepare and turn in a limited number of written exercises.

Grades:

Participation: 30%

Written materials: 10%

Final exam: 60%

Goals:

- 1) Learn basics of contract law
- 2) Learn to approach contract issues as a lawyer in terms of argument and analysis
- 3) Understand rudiments of transactional issues in the realm of contracts
- 4) Understand the underlying policy premises of contract law.

Course Assignments (These are subject to change as the semester progresses)

Notes: The assignments in this syllabus are stated as “units.” Ideally, unless otherwise indicated, each will be covered in one day. Even if some coverage is left over from the prior day, the next unit will be covered as scheduled unless Professor Nimmer indicates otherwise.

I. Basic Introduction

Day 1: Basics (First day assignment)

Read: Murray: pp 1-8; 10-12; 17-23; 783-788

Consider: what is the difference between “agreement” and “contract”:

Consider: what is the difference between “cancellation” and “termination”

Day 2: A look at damages

Read: Supp 1 (liquid) (to be sent by email)

Day 3: What Contract Law Applies?

Read: Murray pp. 8-10; Supple 2 (scope)

[Remaining assignments will be provided at the end of week one]