

SYLLABUS
FINANCIAL STATEMENT ANALYSIS and BUSINESS PRACTICES for
LAWYERS
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Semester: Fall, 2017 MW 9:00am-10:30 am

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Text: Financial Accounting in an Economic Context, 10th Edition

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Course Summary:

Introduction to Finance Concepts for Law Students is a graduate level course that will cover introductory financial reporting and financial analysis. Study in this course will include the introduction to the mechanics of financial accounting, the building of financial statements, reporting and analysis of financial information and overview of accounting principles and procedures. Certain business and financial practices, including financing techniques and valuation procedures, are covered.

The reporting of the financial and operating results of the business entity through the financial statements is a major objective of any company or organization. This course will give the student knowledge of the reporting requirements of public companies, how the information in the financial statements is used and analyzed and how the information is accounted for and derived in the form of financial statements. We will also cover methods of using financial statement information as decision makers in evaluating companies and how lawyers might use this information in their practices.

The order of course topics will follow the textbook chapters.

Grades: Based on midterm exam (20%), final exam (50%), case study project (10%), Starbucks project (10%) and class participation (10%). Final exam will be taken on the date scheduled by the law school.