

SPRING 2015 PAYMENTS SYSTEMS SYLLABUS - Mr. Dole

1. **Course Materials:** (1) Ronald Mann, Payment Systems and Other Financial Transactions (5th Ed. Aspen 2011) (the Casebook or CB); (2) West, Selected Commercial Statutes (2014 **Unabridged Ed.**) (the Statutory Supplement or SS); and (3) materials supplied by the Instructor.
2. **The Course Objectives:** The objectives are to teach the substantive law of Payments in a comprehensive manner, to consider ethical and professional issues related to Payments, and to integrate Payments with the analytical and practical skills necessary to the practice of law.
3. **The Course approach:** The CB presents explanatory text and cases followed by Problem Sets involving issues treated in the explanatory material. A Handout is provided for each CB Problem Set that discusses the CB explanatory material and contains Hypotheticals, Questions, and selected assignments of CB Problems for class discussion. Class discussion will focus upon the Hypotheticals, Questions, and assigned CB Problems in the Handouts.
4. **Assignment for the first class session:** Discussion of (1) the Class Syllabus, and (2) the Handout for Problem Set #1, which deals with the material on CB pp.13-23.
5. **Assignment for the second class session:** Commencement of discussion of the Handout for Problem Set #2, which deals with the material on CB pp.26-42.
6. **Future Assignments:** Absent a special announcement, the standing assignment is to prepare one Handout ahead of the last Handout discussed in class.
7. **Materials for the first two class sessions:** Prior to the first class session, students should

obtain a copy of and read as assigned: (1) the Syllabus; (2) the Handout for Problem Set #1, which deals with the material on CB pp.13-23; and (3) the Handout for Problem Set #2, which deals with the material on CB pp.26-42.

**My Secretary Charlette Jefferson will e-mail these materials to you at your U of H E-Mail Account. If you have not received these materials from Charlette, please contact her at [cmjeffer@central.uh.edu](mailto:cmjeffer@central.uh.edu)**

8. **Attendance Policy:** Under the Law Center 80% attendance rule, each student has six unexcused cuts. Additional cuts will be excused for good cause. Attendance is taken by circulating a Roll Sheet for signature. Students who do not sign the Roll Sheet will be deemed to have been absent. The Instructor should be notified of an inadvertent failure to sign the Roll Sheet as soon as possible.
9. **Credit Policy:** A student's grade can be raised one notch for extremely good class performance or lowered one notch for extremely poor class performance.
10. **Examination Policy:** The examination will be all essay. There will be no more than three essay questions.

A student can take into the examination room: the CB, the SS, all materials distributed by the Instructor, personal class notes, and both personal outlines and outlines prepared by a study group. **Study groups are recommended.**

11. **The Law of the Course:** The 2014 Official Text of the UCC is the Law of the Course, including the 2001 Official Amendments to Article 1 and the 2002 Official Amendments to Articles 3 and 4, which have been enacted in Texas. From time-to-time other specific

statutes also may be designated to be part of the Law of the Course. The examination is on the Law of the Course.

12. **Students with Disabilities:** Students who may need additional help pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act Guidelines should advise me as soon as possible.
13. **Keeping in Touch:** My office is Room 118 BLB. My office telephone number is (713) 743-2139. My E-Mail address is [ddole@central.uh.edu](mailto:ddole@central.uh.edu)  
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