

Contracts

Section - 1st Year Part-Time

Professor Tony Chase

Spring 2020 Syllabus

I. General

A. Course Information

1. Course Name	Contracts
2. Course Number	5409
3. Number of Credits	4
4. Meeting Times	Wednesday 6-8:15pm Thursday 6-7:20pm
5. Location	
6. Final Exam	April 28, 2020 6-10pm

B. Professor Information

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II. Information about the Course

It is my expectation that students are prepared for each class offered throughout this course. Preparation is an essential requirement when in court as well as dealing with clients. Consider this course an opportunity to internalize that ethic.

You must attend 80% of your classes.

Class participation is very important. I invite everyone to take a strong role in class. Don't worry about looking silly. I will always try to interact with each of you respectfully.

The aims of the course are to teach you the substantive law of contract, to encourage you to think about why we have particular rules, to consider ethical considerations underlying the practice of law generally, and of contract law in particular, and to integrate theoretical

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and practical aspects of substantive contract laws with the transactional nature of contract practice (i.e. helping clients plan, negotiate, and draft the documents that will carry out that planning).

Finally, I request that you stand whenever you address the class.

III. Course Requirements

Students are responsible for being present pursuant to administrative policy. Reading assignments are tailored to ensure a manageable amount of material for each class. The materials covered in the readings are the starting point - not the goal - of each day's class. The student who desires to master the concepts must expect to engage in additional analysis and synthesis.

IV. Reading Materials

Charles L Knapp, Nathan M. Crystal and Harry G. Prince; **Problems in Contract Law 8th Edition**; Aspen Publishers

Knapp, Crystal and Prince; **Rules of Contract Law Supplement 2015-2016 Edition**; Aspen Publishers

Use the supplement to read the full text and any comments whenever there is a reference to a section of the Restatement Second of Contracts ("Restatement Second" or if I get particularly hip, "R2K"); the Uniform Commercial Code ("UCC"); the proposed revisions of the Code, especially Articles 1 and 2 ("Rev. UCC"); recent statutes or proposed statutes on e-commerce (UETA, E-SIGN, UCITA) or various transnational authorities like the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods ("CISG") or the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts. (I will try to steer you, but it is your responsibility to find the text of the section in question).

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<u>DAY/DATE</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>PAGE NUMBER</u>
Wednesday, January 15 6-8:15pm	Introductory Class	No Reading
Thursday, January 16 6-7:20pm	NO CLASS	NO CLASS
Wednesday, January 22 6-8:15pm	Offer and Acceptance	pp. 1-74
Thursday, January 23 6-7:20pm	Agreement to Agree and Consideration	pp. 75-94, 98-135
Wednesday, January 29 6-8:15pm	Consideration and Article 2 of the UCC	pp. 144-156
Thursday, January 30 6-7:20pm	Battle of the Forms	pp. 159-186
Wednesday, February 5 6-8:15pm	Electronic Contracting	pp. 188-206
Thursday, February 6 6-7:20pm	Promissory Estoppel	pp. 213-239
Wednesday, February 12 6-8:15pm	Option Contracts and Offeree Reliance	pp. 251-269
Thursday, February 13 6-7:20pm	No Class	No Class
Wednesday, February 19 6-8:15pm	No Class	No Class

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Thursday, February 20 6-7:20pm	No Class	No Class
Thursday, February 26 6-7:20pm	The Principle of Restitution and Promissory Restitution	pp. 282-321
Wednesday, February 27 6-8:15pm	Statute of Frauds and Principles of Interpretation	pp. 333-400
Thursday, March 4 6-7:20pm	Parol Evidence Rule	pp. 412-449
Thursday, March 5 6-7:20pm	Good Faith	pp. 481-523
Week of March 9th-13th	SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK
Wednesday, March 18 6-8:15pm	Warranties	pp. 530-539, 541-547
Thursday, March 19 6-7:20pm	Capacity to Contract: Minority and Cognition Duress and Undue Influence	pp. 555-589
Wednesday, March 25 6-8:15pm	Misrepresentation and Nondisclosure	pp. 592-621
Thursday, March 26 6-7:20pm	Unconscionability	pp. 622-660
Wednesday, April 1 6-8:15pm	Mistake and Changed Circumstances	pp. 701-720, 724-753
Thursday, April 2 6-7:20pm	Modification	pp. 755-781
Wednesday, April 8 6-8:15pm	Express Conditions and Material Breach	pp. 785-787, 800-807, 810-817

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Thursday, April 9 6-7:20pm	Anticipatory Repudiation and Expectation Damages	pp. 828-844, 851-898
Wednesday, April 15 6-8:15pm	Reliance/Damages & Specific Performance	pp. 971-999, 1012-1044
Thursday, April 16 6-7:20pm	Rights & Duties of Third Parties	pp. 1057-1067, 1077-1093
Wednesday, April 22 6-8:15pm	No Class	No Class
Thursday, April 23 6-7:20pm	No Class	No Class

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