

SYLLABUS

Course: 5297 – Financial Statement Analysis and Business Practices for Lawyers

Section #19167

Semester: Summer IV – MW 6:00PM – 8:35PM

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Location: TBA

Text: Financial Statements by Thomas R. Ittelson

Note: Obtain on Amazon - paperback

Exams: to be determined. Will announce schedule first class period

Course Summary:

Financial Statement Analysis and Business Practices for Lawyers is a graduate level course that will cover introductory financial reporting and 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 in depth study of accounting principles and procedures. Certain business and financial practices 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.

General topic area will be covered as follow (generally follows the text):

Financial Statements – Structure and Vocabulary

Transactions Accounting

Financial Statement Construction and Analysis

Business Expansion: Strategy, Risk and Capital

Making Good Capital Investment Decisions

