

SUMMER 2014 SECURED FINANCING SYLLABUS - Mr. Dole

1. **Course Materials:** (1) L. LoPucki & E. Warren, Secured Credit: A Systems Approach (7th ed. Aspen 2012) (the Casebook or CB); (2) West, Selected Commercial Statutes (2013) **Unabridged Edition** that includes the Bankruptcy Code) (the Statutory Supplement or SS); and (3) materials supplied by the Instructor.
2. **The Course Objectives:** The objectives of this course are to teach the substantive law of Secured Financing in a comprehensive manner, to consider ethical and professional issues related to Secured Financing, and to integrate Secured Financing 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. In addition to material on Article 9 secured transactions, the CB adds material on real estate secured transactions, and the treatment of secured transactions in bankruptcy. The course will cover the CB supplementary material on bankruptcy but will not cover the CB supplementary material on real estate secured transactions.
4. A Handout will be 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. **Exception: CB Problem Set #4 and the related CB materials are omitted.**
5. **Assignment for the first class session:** Discussion of (1) the Class Syllabus, (2) the Handout for the CB Introduction on CB xxxi – xxxv; and (3) the Handout for Problem Set

One, which deals with the material on CB pp.3-18.

6. **Assignment for the second class session:** (1) any concluding discussion of the Handout for Problem Set One; (2) the Handout for Problem Set Two, which deals with the material on CB pp.21-35; and (3) discussion of the Handout for Problem Set Three to the extent that time permits.
7. **Future Assignments:** Absent a special announcement, the standing assignment is to prepare two Problem Sets ahead of the last Problem Set discussed in class. **Exception: CB Problem Set #4 and the related CB materials are omitted.**
8. **Materials for the first class session:** Prior to the first class session, students should obtain a copy of and read as assigned: (1) the Syllabus; (2) the Handout for the CB Introduction; (3) the Handout for Problem Set #1; (4) the Handout for Problem Set #2.

These materials can be obtained by E-Mailing my Secretary Charlette Jefferson from a U of H E-Mail Account and requesting that Charlette e-mail the materials to your U of H E-Mail Account. Non U of H E-Mail Accounts can not be used. Charlett's E-Mail address is cmjeffer@central.uh.edu

9. **Attendance Policy:** Under the Law Center 80% attendance rule, each student has three unexcused cuts. Additional cuts will be excused for good cause. Attendance will be taken by circulating a Roll Sheet for signature. Students who do not sign the Roll Sheet are deemed to have been absent. The Instructor should be notified as soon as possible of an inadvertent failure to sign the Roll Sheet.
10. **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.

11. **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.** Students may not take commercial outlines or photocopies of commercial outlines into the examination room. However, students are free to incorporate anything that they wish into their personal and study group outlines.

12. **The Law of the Course:** The 2013 Official Text of the UCC, as amended by the 2010 Official Amendments to Article 9, is the Law of the Course. The 2010 Official Amendments to Article 9 are incorporated in the SS text of Article 9. Revised Articles 1 and 9 and the 2010 Official Amendments to Article 9 have been enacted in Texas. From time-to-time other statutes also may be designated to be part of the Law of the Course. The examination will be on the Law of the Course.

13. **Students with Disabilities:** Students who may need additional help pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act Guidelines should advise me as soon as possible.

14. **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 My Secretary Charlette Jefferson's telephone number is (713) 743-2120. Charlette's E-Mail address is cmjeffer@central.uh.edu