• **Civility.**

• **Constructive Class Participation.** Class participation will be counted towards your final grade in accordance with the Law Center’s policy.
  - The class will be divided into three panels. If your panel is assigned to a particular class meeting, you will be potentially called upon that day. Each panel will be “on” every third class. If you are unprepared or absent, it is your responsibility to arrange before the class begins to have another student from a different panel act as your substitute. Voluntary participation is also welcomed.
  - “Constructive” class participation means being brief and to the point, involving others in discussion, listening actively to others’ comments and questions, and not interrupting others or dominating the discussion. This requirement means that quality rather than quantity of participation what matters most in this class.

• **Final Examination.** There will be a written final examination. The exam will be open-book and students may use the assigned casebook and any written materials for which they have participated in the drafting. Use of any materials on computer, disk, or CD, however, is strictly prohibited. No electronic materials may be used. The exam will be based on the readings and class discussions. Successful performance on the exam will require knowledge of statutes, case law, and underlying policies.

• **Webpage.** On my faculty page there is a link to the page for the class. There you will find the reading assignments and other useful information.

• **Computers.** Students may use computers in class to take notes, unless otherwise directed by me. That is to say that Internet surfing, involvement in chat rooms, use of e-mail, uses that distract others, or uses not generally related to legal education are strictly prohibited. I will treat violation of this policy as a constructive absence on the day of the violation and will include that absence when determining whether the student has met the Law Center’s attendance requirement.

• **Attendance.** Regular class attendance is essential to successful performance in this class. It is incumbent upon each student to be present for the entire class period. An attendance sheet will be circulated at the beginning each class meeting. It is your responsibility to sign the sheet. In accordance with the Law Center’s policy, any student falling below the 80% attendance requirement will be dropped from the course.

• **Americans With Disabilities Act.** Whenever possible, and in accordance with 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the University of Houston will attempt to provide reasonable academic accommodations to students who request and require them. Please contact Assistant Dean Marian Plain at 713-743-2185 for more information.