**Syllabus for Business Associations**

**Fall 2022**

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Class: Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday, 9:00-10:15, HH 355C

Office hours: Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday 10:15-11:00

# COURSE OBJECTIVES AND LEARNING OUTCOMES:

# This course will introduce you to fundamental principles of the law of business enterprises. By the end of the course, you should be able to:

# Describe the common law and statutory foundations of business enterprise law;

# Demonstrate an understanding of the legal principles that govern the process of resolving business enterprise legal disputes;

# Explain how policy goals have contributed to the development of business enterprise law and related doctrines; and

# Apply strategic and practical considerations throughout the entire process of filing and litigating a business law dispute.

**COURSE MATERIALS:**

Our casebook is Bainbridge, Business Associations (11th ed. 2021). You do not need to purchase any other materials.

**EXPECTATIONS:**

Class will start on time and end on time. I expect you to arrive on time. The law school’s policy on attendance is available here: <https://www.law.ufl.edu/life-at-uf-law/office-of-student-affairs/current-students/uf-law-student-handbook-and-academic-policies>. If you are going to miss class, you should not notify me.

# ASSIGNMENTS:

The schedule of reading assignments is available on our course webpage. They are subject to change from time to time. For the first class, read pages 1-13 of the casebook.

There are also five problems (two problems if you have taken Unincorporated Business Enterprises) that will be assigned during the semester to be turned in for credit. They will be graded on a pass-fail basis. Problems must be turned in to me by the start of the corresponding class. Problems submitted after class begins will receive no credit.

Students who have already taken Unincorporated Business Enterprises should expect to begin attending on September 14. I will notify you in advance if this date will change.

You should expect to spend approximately two hours on out-of-class preparation for every hour of in-class instruction.

# EXAM AND GRADE:

# Each of the five problems will be worth 3% of your final grade. The final exam constitutes the remaining 85% of your grade. The exam must be taken at the scheduled date and time except in a case of family or medical emergency or accommodation made by the Office of Student Affairs. The law school policy on exam delays and accommodations can be found at <https://www.law.ufl.edu/life-at-uf-law/office-of-student-affairs/current-students/forms-applications/exam-delays-accommodations-form>.

**INFORMATION ON UF LAW GRADING POLICIES**

The law school grading policy is available at: <https://www.law.ufl.edu/life-at-uf-law/office-of-student-affairs/current-students/uf-law-student-handbook-and-academic-policies>. Students receive grade points according to the following scale:

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| Letter Grade | Point Equivalent | Letter Grade | Point Equivalent |
| A- | 4.0 | C- | 2 |
| A- | 3.67 | C- | 1.67 |
| B+ | 3.33 | D+ | 1.33 |
| B- | 3.0 | D- | 1.0 |
| B- | 2.67 | D- | 0.67 |
| C+ | 2.33 | E- | 0 |

**STUDENT ACCOMODATIONS**

Students requesting accommodation for disabilities must first register with the Disability Resource Center (<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/>). Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter, which must be presented to the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs (Dean Mitchell) when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

**STUDENT COURSE EVALUATIONS**

Students can provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing online evaluations at <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/>. Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will receive notice of the specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

**CLASS RECORDING POLICY**

The Office of Student Affairs records the class. They will determine when students may have access to class recordings. Their policy is to provide recordings only for certain health-related absences. It is the student’s responsibility to talk with Student Affairs about any requested recordings. I will not otherwise be making recordings available.