

THIS IS NOT A CONTRACT  
You will, however, learn what a contract is.  
All content is tentative and subject to change.

# Legal Environment of Business

## BLAW 205

Fall 2017  
12:00-12:50 pm MWF  
216 Beatty Center

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### **Textbook:**

Anderson's Business Law and the Legal Environment, by David P. Twomey, Marianne M. Jennings, and Stephanie M. Greene. ISBN-10: 1305575083. Older editions may be used, but be sure to align the chapter titles to the syllabus as the chapter numbers may have changed.

### **College of Charleston Course Objectives:**

This course is designed to emphasize the legal environment of business and the pluralistic nature of the economy of the United States. The principal federal and state regulations as well as common law relationships applicable to businesses are presented to provide the student with an understanding of the limitations and consequences of business decisions, as well as the social and ethical responsibilities implicit in decision making. Topics to be covered include: introduction to law and legal system; white collar crimes and torts; ethics and social responsibility; negligence and product liability; administrative law; law of agency, partnership, corporations, and securities; ownership of real and personal property; bailments; overview of real and personal property; and overview of antitrust.

### **School of Business Learning Goals:**

**Communication Skills:** Students demonstrate the ability, via both written and spoken word, to effectively present, critique, and defend ideas in a cogent, persuasive manner.

**Qualitative Fluency:** Students demonstrate competency in logical reasoning and data analysis skills.

**Global and Civic Responsibility:** Students identify and define social, ethical, environmental and economic challenges at local, national and international levels. Students integrate knowledge and skills in addressing these issues.

**Intellectual Innovation and Creativity:** Students demonstrate their resourcefulness and originality in addressing extemporaneous problems.

**Synthesis:** Students demonstrate the ability to integrate knowledge from multiple disciplines incorporating learning from both classroom and non-classroom settings in the completion of complex and comprehensive tasks.

**Prerequisite:**

Sophomore standing.

**Honor Code:**

The College of Charleston Honor Code for Academic Integrity will be enforced. The policy may be found on page 13 of the 2017-18 Student Handbook.

<http://studentaffairs.cofc.edu/honor-system/studenthandbook/2017-2018-student-handbook.pdf>

**Disabilities:**

The College of Charleston complies with Federal Laws and Regulations addressing students with disabilities. Reasonable accommodations will be made to meet students' needs.

**Technology:**

Mobile phones and other electronic devices are not to be used in the classroom unless the instructor specially requests as a part of the discussion. No audio recording, videotaping, or photography is allowed unless the instructor gives permission ahead of time.

**Attendance:**

Attendance in class is expected. Missing more than 3 classes may affect the student's final grade.

**Grading Policy:**

Exam One	20%
Exam Two	20%
Exam Three	20%
Written Assignment One	8%
Written Assignment Two	8%
Final Exam (Cumulative)	20%
Class Participation	4%

A	95-100%	C	74-76%
A-	90-94%	C-	70-73%
B+	87-89%	D+	67-69%
B	84-86%	D	64-66%
B-	80-83%	D-	60-63%
C+	77-79%	F	0-59%

Late assignments will not be accepted.

**Additional:**

Any needs or requests that are not addressed in this syllabus (religious accommodations, preferred name, SNAP accommodations, scheduling issues, etc.) -- Please email me at [Staubestg@cofc.edu](mailto:Staubestg@cofc.edu) to inquire or set up a time to discuss.

Wednesday, August 23	Overview	First Day of Class
Friday, August 25	Chapter 1. Nature and Sources of Law	
Monday, August 28	Chapter 2. The Court System and Dispute Resolution	Last day of Drop/Add
Wednesday, August 30	Chapter 3. Business Ethics, Social Forces and the Law	
Friday, September 1	Chapter 4. The Constitution	
Monday, September 4	Chapter 5. Government Regulation of Competition and Prices	
Wednesday, September 6	Chapter 6. Administrative Agencies	
Friday, September 8	Chapter 7. Crimes	
Monday, September 11	Chapter 8. Torts	
Wednesday, September 13	Chapter 24. Product Liability: Warranties and Torts	
Friday, September 15		
Monday, September 18		
Wednesday, September 20		Exam One
Friday, September 22	Chapter 11. Nature and Classes of Contracts	
Monday, September 25	Chapter 12. Formation of Contracts	
Wednesday, September 27	Chapter 13. Capacity and Genuine Assent	
Friday, September 29	Chapter 14. Consideration	
Monday, October 2	Chapter 15. Legality and Public Policy	Written Assignment One due
Wednesday, October 4	Chapter 16. Writing, Electronic Forms and Interpretation	
Friday, October 6	Chapter 17. Third Persons and Contracts	
Monday, October 9	Chapter 18. Discharge of Contracts	
Wednesday, October 11	Chapter 19. Breach of Contract and Remedies	

Friday, October 13		
Monday, October 16	No Class – Fall Break	
Wednesday, October 18		
Friday, October 20		Exam Two
Monday, October 23	Chapter 40. Types of Business Organizations	
Wednesday, October 25	Chapter 20. Personal Property and Bailments	
Friday, October 27	Chapter 21. Legal Aspect of Supply Chain Management	
Monday, October 30	Chapter 22. Nature and Form of Sales	
Wednesday, November 1	Chapter 32. Consumer Protection	
Friday, November 3	Chapter 33. Secured Transactions in Personal Property	
Monday, November 6	Chapter 36. Agency	
Wednesday, November 8	Chapter 37. Third Persons in Agency	
Friday, November 10	Chapter 38. Regulation of Employment	
Monday, November 13	Chapter 39. Equal Employment Opportunity Law	
Wednesday, November 15		
Friday, November 17		
Monday, November 20		Exam Three
Wednesday, November 22 –	No Class: Thanksgiving Break	
Friday, November 24	No Class: Thanksgiving Break	
Monday, November 27		
Wednesday, November 29		Written Assignment Two due
Friday, December 1		
Monday, December 4	Review of materials	Last Class
Wednesday, December 13 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm		Final Exam (Cumulative)

