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### **Territory Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge and respect the ləkʷəŋən peoples on whose traditional territory the university stands and the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

## **Business Law**

### **BMBA 300**

#### **Course Description**

It is essential for businesspeople to acquire a general understanding of the law as it affects businesses in the conduct of their operation and the legal framework within which management decisions take place. Topics include:

- the Canadian legal system
- claims and court system
- intentional torts
- unintentional torts
- law of contracts
- law of agency
- employment and insurance
- business structures
- e-commerce
- patents, copyright, trademarks and industrial design

#### **Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of this course, you will be able to:

- Understand and apply a foundational knowledge of legal concepts in the areas of law that business professionals frequently encounter in the performance of their duties.
- Recognize legal problems and difficulties when they arise in order for you to seek appropriate legal advice.
- Gain a basic knowledge and understanding of legal terminology which will enable you to understand any legal advice that your lawyers may provide.

## Resources

The required textbook used in this course is:

Willes, J. A. & Willes, J. H. (2020), *Contemporary Canadian Business Law, 12th Ed.*, McGraw-Hill Ryerson.

## Weekly Schedule

Week	Topics
Week 1	Introduction to the course: syllabus, assessment, court case presentation groups Introduction to Canada's legal system
Week 2	Introduction to Canada's legal system (continued) Business Regulation
Week 3	Introduction to Torts, Intentional Torts
Week 4	<b>Quiz – 1 hour (open book)</b> Intentional Torts (conclusion) Negligence, Tort Remedies, Tort Defences
Week 5	Quiz Review Torts (conclusion)
Week 6	Contracts: Introduction, Offer, Acceptance
Week 7	<b>Quiz – 1 hour (open book)</b> Contracts: Consideration, Capacity, Legality
Week 8	Quiz Review Contracts: Unenforceable, Breaches, Remedies
Week 9	<b>Group Presentations</b> Contracts: Commercial Leasing
Week 10	<b>Group Presentations</b> Contracts: Employment
Week 11	<b>Group Presentations</b> Corporations
Week 12	Final Exam Review
Week 13	<b>Final Exam – 3 hours (open book)</b>

## Evaluation

Assignment	Due Date and Time	Mark
Quizzes: Quiz 1, Quiz 2 (open book)	Week 4 Week 7	40% (20% each)
Court Case Discussion Group Presentation	Week 9 Week 10 Week 11	20% (7.5% Group content; 7.5% Group materials; 5% Student presentation)
Participation	Duration of course	10% (5% attendance, 5% contribution)
Final Exam (open book)	Week 13	30%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Assignments

### Court Case Group Presentation

*Group assignment*

**Grade:** 20% of final grade

**Suggested start date:** Monday, Week 2

**Due date:** 11:55 p.m. PT, Sunday, Week 10

**Description: Assignment - Court Case Group Presentation**

Group presentations must involve each member in a speaking role. Students will be assigned to groups of three or four after registration closes. Each group will select a trial or appeal court decision to "brief" - that is, prepare a two to three page summary - and to present to the class in a 15 minute presentation. A PowerPoint is optional for your presentation, but you must bring your PPT on a USB drive if you want to use one. Hard copies of your written case brief must be handed in immediately prior to your group beginning its presentation. The written brief and your presentation should summarize the essential elements of the case you selected:

- its path through the court system;
- the relevant facts;
- the legal issues before the court;
- what the court decided;
- the reason for the decision; and
- the potential impact of the decision in the future - how will it affect other businesses and how they should operate.

### Participation

*Individual Assignment*

**Grade:** 10% of the final grade (participation = 5%, attendance = 5%)

**Suggested start date:** beginning of course

**Due date:** end of course