The University of Western Ontario

Management and Organizational Studies 275b – Section 003

CANADIAN BUSINESS LAW

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CLASSES: 1:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays for twelve weeks in SSC 3026.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- 1. To develop an understanding of Canadian business law and general legal principles as they apply to business.
- 2. To be able to identify and analyze legal problems and issues as they relate to business.
- 3. To understand various legal relationships found in the business environment.
- 4. To understand various different types of business contracts.
- 5. To familiarize students with legal issues including torts, negligence, contracts, forms of business organization, property, debtor and creditor, labour and employment, intellectual property, e-business and dispute resolution.

TEXT: Business Law in Canada, 8th Edition

Richard A. Yates, Prentice-Hall of Canada Ltd.

READINGS: Students should read and are responsible for all assigned readings. Additional material may be given to students, including contracts and other legal documents, but students are not responsible for that supplementary material.

EVALUATION: Students will be evaluated on the basis of a mid-term exam (50%) and final exam (50%). Exams will be closed book, multiple choice and not cumulative.

EXAMS: Exams are multiple-choice and closed-book. No electronic devices will be allowed.

ACADEMIC OFFENCES: Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following website: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/scholoff.pdf.

Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

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| Class | <u>Topic</u> | Readings |
|-------------|---|----------------------------|
| January 8 | General Introduction | Chapter 1 |
| January 15 | The Legal System and the Resolution of Disputes | Chapters 2 and 3 |
| January 22 | Tort Law and Professional Liability | Chapters 4 and 5 |
| January 29 | Contracts I – The Formation of Contracts | Chapters 6 and 7 |
| February 5 | Contracts II –Mistake, Misrepresentation, Duress | Chapter 8 |
| February 12 | Contracts III – Breach of Contract and Termination of the Contract | Chapter 9 |
| February 19 | MID-TERM EXAM | Chapters 2 – 9 inclusive |
| February 26 | NO CLASS – READING WEEK | |
| March 4 | Agency, Sole Proprietorships and Partnerships | Chapter 13 |
| March 11 | Corporations | Chapter 14 |
| March 18 | Sale of Goods, Consumer Protection and Debtor and Creditor Law | Chapters 10 and 11 |
| March 25 | Employment Law, Agency and Insurance | Chapters 12 |
| April 1 | Property | Chapters 15 and 16 |
| April 8 | NO CLASS | |
| Exam Period | FINAL EXAM | Chapters 10 – 16 inclusive |