

# The University of Western Ontario

## Management and Organizational Studies 276A – Section 001

### ADVANCED CANADIAN BUSINESS LAW

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**CLASSES:** 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Thursdays for twelve weeks in SSC 3028.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Business Law 276 is an advanced course in Canadian Business Law. The course aims to make students aware of various legal issues which arise in the operation of a typical business, and to give students the tools and knowledge required to analyze these issues and participate in their resolution. The course will use practical examples to illustrate these concepts, including actual cases, current events in the business news and examples from the instructor's own experience. Students will be expected to learn various legal principles and then be able to apply those principles to new fact situations. The emphasis will be on using actual cases to identify legal issues and develop the ability to analyze those issues and evaluate potential solutions.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:** The course objectives are: to examine specific topics in Canadian business law and to develop an understanding of the legal principles involved; to examine the legal nature of various business relationships and be able to identify and analyze the legal issues which arise in connection with those business relationships; to examine the manner in which various legal principles apply to the business environment and to examine the role of such legal principles in business decision making; to examine various different types of business contracts; and to discuss various ways by which legal disputes can be avoided, including strategies and skills for successful negotiation and various alternative forms of dispute resolution.

**TEXT:** *Business Law in Canada Casebook*, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, by D'Anne Davis and Maria Koroneos. In addition, students will want to have an introductory Canadian business law textbook such as the one used in Canadian Business Law 275a/b. Also, practical materials, such as court decisions, contracts and legal documents will be used as assigned readings.

**EVALUATION:** Students will be evaluated on the basis of: (a) four online quizzes (20%); (b) a mid-term exam (40%) and final exam (40%). Exams will be multiple choice and not cumulative.

**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 exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

**ILLNESS AND SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES:** All requests for exam or academic accommodations due to illness or special circumstances must be made to the Academic Counselling office and not to the instructor.

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**ASSIGNED READINGS AND CLASS TOPICS**

<u>Class</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Readings</u>
September 4	General Introduction	
September 11	Negligence – Cases	Pages 40-79
September 18	Contracts – Cases	Pages 80-122
September 25	Contracts - Examples	Handout
October 2	Special Topic in Business Law	Handout
October 9	NO CLASS	
October 16	International Law	Handout
October 23	MIDTERM EXAM – IN CLASS	All material to date
October 30	Purchase and Sale of a Business	Handout
November 6	Corporate Law; Corporate Governance	Pages 176-187; Handout
November 13	Intellectual Property	Pages 197-218; Handout
November 20	Internet Law	Handout
November 27	Negotiation and Alternative Dispute Resolution	Handout
Exam Period	FINAL EXAM	