

Business Planning

Syllabus

Spring 2010

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Class Hours and location: Monday, 12:00 – 1:15 pm, Law Center MTCT
Wednesday, 12:00 – 1:15 pm, Law Center MTCT

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Course Description:

BUSINESS PLANNING

3 credits

Integrates corporation, securities and tax law through a series of basic problems that commonly face business lawyers in the formation, financing, and restructuring of corporations.

Recommended: Tax II and Securities Regulation.

The class will emphasize problem solving and class discussion as to methods to achieve client's objectives (both business and legal). This year, the course will not have the usual big "lawyering project" at the end. Instead, over the course of the semester, students will research and draft a series of "mini-projects" involving documents for a closely-held business. Class time will be made available for this additional work.

Required text and materials:

Dwight Drake, *BUSINESS PLANNING: CLOSELY-HELD ENTERPRISES* (West, 2006).

A series of class handouts specific to each project will be distributed.

Supplemental materials:

Business Organization statute compilation from your Corporations course.
Tax Code and Regulations compilation from your Tax I class.

Laptops:

I reserve the right to control class disturbances *in my sole discretion*. This means that I may ban a particularly distracting machine or all machines.

Attendance and grading:

Attendance is taken each day by passing around an Attendance Sheet for you to initial. If you arrive too late to sign in, you have missed the class. More than two unexcused absences is excessive and you will be involuntarily withdrawn from the class.

There will be five (5) projects. Each project will be graded. The final letter grade will be determined from the project grades with a half-grade adjustment possible (up or down) based on class participation.

Advance assignment:

Drake book, pages 1-25.

The next week's assignment will be announced by e-mail every Wednesday (you *must* notify the Registrar of a valid e-mail address).