

HAMLIN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
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COURSE SYLLABUS

Course: Accounting for Lawyers

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Meeting Dates: Thursday Evenings Beginning August 29, 2013 (No Class August 22, 2013)

If I need to cancel a class, make-up classes will be held on days that I announce. If make-up classes are needed, it is likely that they will be held on Thursday evenings at the Meeting Times indicated below.

Meeting Times: 6:00 p.m. – 8:40 p.m

Meeting Place: To Be Announced

Textbook: Charles H. Meyer, Accounting and Finance for Lawyers (4th Edition 2009)(Thomson West); ISBN: 978-0-314-20787-6. (A used book is fine; if you want a new book, you may get the 5th Edition.)

Supplement: Mark L. Geier, Accounting for Lawyers Fall 2013.

Course Objective: To familiarize law students with basic accounting concepts so that they better understand financial statements when they are practicing law.

Reading Assignments: For Class 1, read chapters 1 through 3 in the textbook, and skim the Supplement. Reading assignments for future classes will be announced in class.

Grades: Grading will be based on a Final Exam that, at this point, I expect will be a take-home exam. Grades will be assigned on a “pass/no pass” basis. If the Final Exam is a take-home exam, you will need to pick up the exam IN PERSON in the Law School Registrar’s Office. All answers to the Final Exam must be legibly written in a blue book. IF THEY ARE NOT, YOU WILL RECEIVE AN “NP” FOR THE COURSE.

Some Additional Grading Information

1. I expect that there will be twenty (20) questions on the Final Exam.
2. You will receive a “P” for the course if you have fewer than four (4) incorrect answers on the Final Exam.
3. You will receive an “NP” for the course if you have more than four (4) incorrect answers on the Final Exam.
4. If you have four (4) incorrect answers on the Final Exam, you will receive a “P” for the course, provided that you have at least one (1) of the four (4) questions in the inventory set of questions correct. (In other words, if you have all four (4) questions in the inventory set of questions incorrect, you will receive an “NP” for the course.)

Attendance: The ABA requires that all law students regularly attend classes. Since this course meets only once a week and for only approximately one-fourth of the semester, missing one (1) class is the same as missing three (3) or four (4) weeks of classes. As a result, if you miss a class and/or expect to miss a class, please see me to determine whether the absence is or will be excused. If you do miss a class, YOU are responsible to obtain from your classmates the material that we had covered in your absence.

Computer Use: Students may use computers during class; provided, however, that such use is limited to work pertinent to this class.