

Course Outline

COURSE:	LAWS 3201B – Business Enterprise Frameworks
TERM:	Winter 2014
PREREQUISITES:	1.0 credit from LAWS 2201, LAWS 2202.
CLASS:	Day & Time: Tuesday – 6:05 pm to 8:55 pm Room: Please check with Carleton Central for current room location.
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

LAWS 3201 is a course studying the forms of business organization, including proprietorships, partnerships and corporations.

Business identity and consequences resulting from form will be emphasized, including the risks of adopting each form, both from a legal, practical and policy perspective. Using material from the text, lectures, legal cases and case studies students will learn the basic forms of business organization and the advantages and disadvantages of each.

CLASS FORMAT

Classes will consist mainly of lectures, although questions and class discussion are welcome and encouraged. Students are expected to attend class regularly, answer questions and participate in class discussions. Students must read the materials assigned before the relevant class. Certain classes may include guest speakers.

REQUIRED TEXTS

J. Anthony VanDuzer – The Law of Partnerships and Corporations, 3rd ed. Irwin Law, 2009 – ISBN 978-1-55221-17719

Additional readings as assigned by the Instructor, including those on reserve and those posted on cuLearn.

EVALUATION (All components must be completed in order to receive a passing grade)

35% - Midterm Evaluation (in class)

This is a “closed book”, in class evaluation. Complete details will be provided in class.

65% - Final Examination

April 2013

3 hours

To be eligible for a passing grade, students must complete all components of the evaluation scheme.

Final examination deferrals are possible only as indicated in the Calendar and with the permission of the Instructor.

SCHEDULE

Please note: Guest speakers may attend certain lectures and as such the schedule may change to accommodate these speakers.

- 1. January 7 – Introduction to the Course and Logistics**
- 2. January 14 – The Relationship Between Law and Business**
 - a. Chapter 1 – Introduction
 - b. Case Study: The Making of Facebook
- 3. January 21 – Introduction to Partnerships**
 - a. Chapter 2 – Partnerships
 - b. *cuLearn* – *Hofer v. Hofer et al.*, [1970] S.C.R. 958
 - c. *cuLearn* – *Ross v. Canadian Bank of Commerce* (1923), 3. D.L.R. 339
- 4. January 28 – Partnerships – continued**
 - a. Chapter 2 – Partnerships
- 5. February 4 – Introduction to Corporations and the History of Incorporations in Canada**
 - a. Chapter 3 – Introduction to Corporate Law
 - b. *On reserve* – “The facebook effect: the inside story of the company that is connecting the world” by David Kirkpatrick.
- 6. February 11 – The Relationship between the Corporation, the Shareholders and the Law**
 - a. Chapter 3 – Introduction to Corporate Law
 - b. Chapter 4 – Incorporation: Considerations and Process (pages 146 to 169)
- February 18 – No class – Reading Week**
- 7. February 25 – Midterm Evaluation (in class exam)**
- 8. March 4 – Shares and Shareholder’s Rights**
 - a. Chapter 6 – Shares
 - b. Case Study: The Facebook IPO
- 9. March 11 – Shareholders Remedies and the Corporation in Action**
 - a. Chapter 5 – The Corporation in Action
 - b. Chapter 10 – Shareholders Remedies
- 10. March 18 – Who is really in charge? Duties and Liabilities of Directors and Officers**
 - a. Chapter 9 – Duties and Liabilities of Directors and Officers
- 11. March 25 – The Corporation in Action and Corporate Social Responsibility**
 - a. Chapter 13 – Corporate Social Responsibility
 - b. *cuLearn* – Welford, Richard, “Corporate Social Responsibility in Europe, North America and Asia” JCC 17 Spring 2005
- 12. April 1 – Review Class**