BANKRUPTCY – Law 3794 A  
Professor Alan N. Resnick – Spring 2015

CLASS SYLLABUS

Learning Objectives:

By the end of this course, students should:

- Have acquired knowledge of business and consumer bankruptcy law, policy, and practice, and of fundamental legal concepts relating to debtor-creditor relationships, and have acquired an ability to apply such knowledge to advising financially distressed individuals and companies, as well as their creditors and other interested parties.
- Have advanced their proficiency in using, analyzing and interpreting a comprehensive statute.
- Have acquired a general awareness of some of the current events, trends, politics, and developments relating to bankruptcy law and practice.

Class times and location:
Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Room 205

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Course Materials:

- ADLER, BAIRD & JACKSON, BANKRUPTCY: CASES, PROBLEMS, AND MATERIALS (FOUNDATION PRESS) (4TH ed., 2007)
- 2015 Collier Portable Pamphlet (LexisNexis).

Attendance Policy:

The rules of the New York State Court of Appeals, the American Bar Association, and the Law School all require law students to be in good and regular attendance in the courses for which they are registered. To comply with these rules, you must attend at least 85% of your regularly-scheduled classes in this course. There are 28 regularly-scheduled classes for this course during the semester. Thus, you may miss no more than four regularly-scheduled classes during the semester.
Sign-in sheets will be provided for each regularly-scheduled class, which shall be the dispositive evidence regarding your absence from a given class. Each student is responsible for signing in. Falsification of sign-in sheets is a violation of the Code of Academic Conduct.

If you exceed the permitted absences by failing to sign in, that fact will be reported to the Office of Student Affairs and you will be administratively withdrawn from the course. Any such withdrawal may have serious ramifications for your financial aid, academic standing, and date of graduation. If you are excessively absent from classes in several courses, you may face additional sanctions, including but not limited to denial of certification of good and regular attendance to the New York State Board of Law Examiners or other state bar examiners.

If you believe you must be absent from more than the permitted number of classes, you should contact the Office of Student Affairs as soon as possible. Accommodations may be made for students who must be absent for religious reasons and in cases of truly compelling hardship. Any request for an exception must be made to the Office of Student Affairs and must be accompanied by appropriate documentation.

**TWEN:**

This course uses “TWEN.” Important course information, materials, and announcements will be available via TWEN. Please sign up for TWEN as soon as possible. The email feature on TWEN will be used to let students know when a scheduled class must be cancelled unexpectedly.

**Grading:**

Your final grade will be based on a final examination, which may consist of essay and/or short answer questions (such as multiple choice questions). The final examination will be closed-book, except that students may bring and use their copies of *Collier Portable Pamphlet* while taking the final exam. The professor reserves the right to increase or decrease your letter grade on account of your in-class performance throughout the semester.

**Reading Assignments**

All reading assignments listed below are in *Bankruptcy: Cases, Problems, and Materials* by Adler, Baird & Jackson (4th Edition) (Foundation Press 2007). Also read the Bankruptcy Code sections discussed in the reading materials. The Code sections are in *Collier Portable Pamphlet*. These assignments are subject to change during the semester.

**Week of January 12:** pages 1-19.

**Week of January 19:** pages 21-30, 32-41, 55-59, 66-69; 103-118

**Week of January 26:** pages 124-127, 411-416
Week of February 2: pages 191-197, 213-216, 583-587
Week of February 9: pages 141-142, 148-152, 154-156
Week of February 16: pages 177-185, 525-526, 538-556
Week of February 23: pages 559-564, 600-603, 608-619
Week of March 2: pages 621-626, 644-647
Week of March 9: pages 667-678, 430-447
Week of March 16: pages 475-484
Week of March 23: pages 223-225, 235-239, 255-263
Week of March 30: pages 678-691, 697-714, 716-722
Week of April 20: pages 352-358, 374-378