Arkansas CTE

Business Law I: Grades 10, 11, 12

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The Nature of Law and Our Legal Environment

1.1 Define terminology

1. Prepare of list of terms with definitions 1.1.1

1.2 Identify the origin of our law and the legal environment in which we live

1. Distinguish between moral obligations and legal obligations 1.2.1
2. Explain the origin and history of U.S. law 1.2.2
3. Explain the need for order, justice, predictable behavior, protection of property/persons, and general welfare as purposes of laws 1.2.3
4. Identify the sources of today's law 1.2.4
5. Classify our individual rights of citizenship under constitutional law 1.2.5
6. Distinguish between the civil liberties of personal security and privacy, self expression, equality, and ownership of private property 1.2.6

Criminal Law, Civil Law, and the Judicial System

2.1 Define terminology

1. Prepare a list of terms with definitions 2.1.1

2.2 Examine the role of the courts and enforcement procedures

1. Explain the differences of the local, state, and federal court systems 2.2.1
2. Identify dispute resolution methods 2.2.2
3. Examine the procedures in a jury selection process 2.2.3
4. Compare and contrast the steps in a civil law suit with the steps in a criminal prosecution 2.2.4
5. Explain how minors are treated differently for criminal proceedings 2.2.5

2.3 Examine civil law (tort law) and criminal law

1. State the difference between a crime and a tort 2.3.1
2. Identify the classifications of crimes 2.3.2
3. Identify the most common crimes 2.3.3
4. List the common defenses to criminal or civil charges 2.3.4

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5. Identify the most common intentional torts 2.3.5
6. Define negligence and the "duty of care" standard 2.3.6
7. Describe the concepts of vicarious liability and strict product liability 2.3.7
8. Describe the penalties possible for committing crimes and torts 2.3.8

Consumer Protection and Business Regulation

3.1 Define terminology

1. Prepare a list of terms with definitions 3.1.1

3.2 Examine how federal and state laws protect the consumer

1. Explain the need for business regulation 3.2.1
2. Identify important consumer protection legislation 3.2.2
3. List the regulatory agencies established to protect consumers against unsafe products and deceptive trade practices 3.2.3
4. Identify unfair trade practices regulated by the Federal Trade Commission 3.2.4
5. Explain the importance of established product standards 3.2.5
6. Discuss the importance of zoning ordinances 3.2.6
7. Discuss how the rules of administrative agencies are enforced 3.2.7
8. Distinguish between implied and express warranties and explain the protection they provide 3.2.8
9. Identify the federal agency established to protect the environment 3.2.9

Fundamentals of Contract Law

4.1 Define terminology

1. Prepare a list of terms with definitions 4.1.1

4.2 Explain the importance of binding agreements and the essential elements of a contract

1. List the fundamentals of a contract 4.2.1
2. List the requirements of an offer 4.2.2
3. List the requirements of an acceptance 4.2.3
4. Explain how offers can be terminated or kept open 4.2.4

4.3 Evaluate contracts to determine validity

1. Discuss different forms of consideration in contracts 4.3.1
2. Explain the concept of genuine assent and list the factors that may affect it 4.3.2
3. Discuss conditions which may make a contract enforceable due to the nature of the subject matter 4.3.3
4. Define types of agreements that are classified as illegal or unenforceable 4.3.4
5. Explain the role of capacity in contracts 4.3.5

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6. Identify the types of contracts subject to the statute of frauds 4.3.6
7. Discuss how conflicts in written terms are interpreted 4.3.7
8. Discuss the difference between written, oral, and implied contracts 4.3.8

4.4 Examine contractual rights and duties

1. Explain how contractual rights and duties may be transferred to others 4.4.1
2. Discuss ways contracts may be discharged 4.4.2
3. Discuss the remedies for breach of contract 4.4.3

4.5 Discuss legal aspects of marital contracts and divorce

1. Discuss how the law affects premarital and marital relationships 4.5.1
2. Identify legal options for ending marriages 4.5.2