

FALL 2015 BANKRUPTCY SYLLABUS
Florida A&M University College of Law

Congratulations! You have chosen to enroll in an extraordinary course. Over the course of the semester we will cover, in detail, the Bankruptcy Code, its provisions and how these provisions work in practice. We will cover this material through a combination of lecture, discussing relevant case law, reviewing assigned problems, and discussing hypotheticals in class in groups. We will largely focus on consumer bankruptcy. We will cover commercial bankruptcy, but to a lesser extent.

You are expected to be present and fully prepared to discuss the assigned material each week. However, you are entitled to two free days off, as long as you inform me *in advance* of class that you have chosen to opt out. An absence does not count towards your days of “opting out.”

Course Information

Class days: Tuesday and Thursday
Class time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Location: Room 382
Course No.: 6050
Class No.: 3994
Section No.: 301
Credits: 3

Professor’s Contact Information

Phone: 301-335-2396
Email: alexis.leventhal@gmail.com
Office hours: By appointment only. As I do not have an office on campus, I will make every effort to meet with students who request office hours. Do not hesitate to contact me about setting up a time to meet.

Textbooks:

You will need a copy of the Bankruptcy Code and regular access to the textbook below for assigned reading and problems:

Problems and Materials on Bankruptcy Law and Practice, Stephen L. Sepinuck and Linda J. Rusch, Thomason West (2007). ISBN: 978-0-314-17174.

Additional assigned readings will either be provided by the Professor or you will be expected to access them through Westlaw or Lexis.

Evaluation

Your grade will be determined by the combination of your participation, a short writing assignment, and a final exam as follows:

Participation = 10%

Writing Assignment = 15%

Final Exam = 75%

Participation is not your attendance, but your contributions to classroom discussion and ability to illustrate your preparedness. The writing assignment will require you to draft a short pleading and will be graded on form and content. The exam will be three hours long and consist of short answer and essay questions drawn from all topics discussed in class. The final exam is currently scheduled for Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

If you have a conflict with another final exam once the final exam schedule is released, it is your responsibility to contact me immediately to make accommodations. Reasons for needing to reschedule or make up the final exam other than a conflict with another exam will be handled on an individual basis.

Class Attendance Policy

Two absences permitted. Letting me know ahead of time is appreciated, if possible.

Applicable Law School and University Policies

Law school Academic Honor Policy applies:

The University's Academic Honor Policy is located in the FANG Student Handbook, under the Student Code of Conduct- Regulation 2.012 section, beginning on page 55-56.

Law school Non-Discrimination Policy applies:

Florida A&M University College of Law does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, political opinions or affiliations, and veteran status as protected under the Vietnam Era Veteran's Readjustment Assistance Act in the administration of its education policies, admissions and placement policies, and other school administered programs.

University American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) Policy applies:

Individuals who need a reasonable accommodation must notify and send appropriate documentation to the Center for Disability access and Resources (CeDAR), 667 Ardelia Court, Tallahassee, FL 32307; ATTN Dr. Dannette Saylor. Fax: (850) 561-2513. Phone: (850) 599-3180.

Grading

Law school policy on median grade applies. Grade point allocation:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Points</u>
A	4.00
A-	3.67
B+	3.33
B	3.00
B-	2.67
C+	2.33
C	2.00
C-	1.67
D+	1.33
D	1.00
F	0.00