I. Catalog Description and Credit Hours:

This course examines liability laws and how those laws impact American businesses in the production of goods and services.

Credit Hours: 3

II. Prerequisite: Admission to the MBA graduate program.

III. Purpose or Objectives of the Course:

A. To understand the fundamentals of Tort law and how it relates to business.
B. To understand liability issues unique to the service sector with particular emphasis on malpractice liability.
C. To understand consumer protection issues in a regulatory environment and how they impact business operations.
D. To develop skills in critical thinking and reasoning, and to learn to analyze legal cases, journal articles, and other written materials as they relate to the business decision-maker.
E. To develop proficiency in using information technology and legal research skills.
F. To develop student oral and written skills.
G. To build on the following objectives:
   - Demonstrate the ability to locate and gather information.
   - Demonstrate capabilities for critical thinking, reasoning, and analyzing.
   - Demonstrate an understanding of human experiences and the ability to relate them to the present.
   - Demonstrate the ability to integrate the breadth and diversity of knowledge and experience.
   - Demonstrate the ability to make informed, intelligent value decisions.

IV. Course Content or Outline: Suggested Time in 50-minute periods

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Theories of Legal Action

Damages

Product and Service Providers 6 hours
Service Providers
The role of Sellers and Buyers
Third parties

Selecting Remedies 6 hours
Defenses
Disclaimers and limitations

Defects in Production and Design 6 hours
Production Defects
Design Defects

Consumer Warnings and Instructions 6 hours
Duty to Warn
Exceptions

Required Elements 6 hours
Proving Causation
Foreseeability
Consumer Misconduct

Total: 45 hours

V. Expectations of Students

To demonstrate the purposes and objectives of the course, students will be expected to:
A. To carefully prepare assignments on a timely basis, including readings, written assignments, research and oral presentations.
B. To participate actively in all class discussions.
C. To make satisfactory scores on all periodic exams/quizzes.
D. To demonstrate the ability to research and analyze legal cases.
E. To formulate and defend his or her judgments and solutions to liability problems for business decision-makers in both oral and written form after analyzing and interpreting the results of the student’s research.

VI. Basis for Student Evaluation:
A. Content Mastery: Written examinations
B. Writing Skills:
   1. Periodic short writing assignments
   2. Research paper.
C. Oral Skills:
   3. Oral presentations.
   4. Class participation.

VII. Textbook(s): Selection is at the discretion of the professor.

Students needing accommodations for documented disabilities must see the professor.