Administrative Unit: Business Administration Department, MBA Program

Course Prefix and Number: BUSI 506

Course Title: Legal and Ethical Environment for Business

Number of Credit Hours: 3 Lecture Hours: 3 Laboratory Hours: 0

Catalog Description: This course examines the topics in the area of law, regulatory controls, and ethical issues. Topics include contracts, the Uniform Commercial Code, agency agreements, partnerships, corporations, and product liability. Discussions focus on the implications of these legal situations in management.

Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): None.

Text(s): The most current editions of the following:


Course Objectives:

- To learn the legal and ethical context of how the internal and external environment affect business decision-making.
- To develop practical materials on business ethics and a working knowledge of the legal environment for business transactions and decision-making.

Measurable Learning Outcomes:

- Appraise the fundamental principles of business law.
- Understand Civil Procedure.
- Explain the major employment laws.
- Analyze the topic of torts and contracts.
- Explain basic real estate law.
- Explain the process of alternative dispute resolution.

Topical Outline (major areas of coverage):

- Law, Ethics, and the Legal System.
- Civil Procedure.
- Torts and Contracts.
- Real Estate Law.
- Alternative Dispute Resolution.

All business administration courses include a written and oral presentation component.
Recommended maximum class size for this course:  15

Library Resources: Online databases are available at http://www.ccis.edu/offices/library/resources.asp. You may access them from off-campus using your eServices login and password when prompted.

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Date:  September 21, 2005 __________________

NOTE: The intention of the master syllabus is to provide an outline of the contents of this course, as specified by the faculty of Columbia College, regardless of who teaches the course, when it is taught or where it is taught. Faculty members teaching this course for Columbia College are expected to facilitate learning pursuant to the course objectives and cover the subjects listed in the topical outline. However, instructors are also encouraged to cover additional topics of interest so long as those topics are relevant to the course’s subject. The master syllabus is, therefore, prescriptive in nature but also allows for a diversity of individual approaches to course material.

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