SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF LAW

Conflict of Laws
Spring 2014

Professor Beyler
Room 236

Syllabus


Student Packet: Download from TWEN.


Assignments: I call on students in alphabetical order. On your day, you (or a substitute) must be present and ready to discuss the material thoroughly.

Office Hours: Drop in any time, but right after class is the best time.

Exam: The final exam will be three hours long, consisting primarily of long and short essay questions. The exam is scheduled for Thursday, May 1, at 8:15 a.m.

Bar Exam: One goal of this course is to prepare you to take the Illinois bar exam, so I will approach the choice-of-law material as you are expected to approach it on that exam.

Writing Across the Curriculum: After we study choice of law and forum selection clauses, you will draft these clauses for a client’s contract and we will discuss your drafts in class. Successful completion of this ungraded assignment is required to pass the course.

Practice Questions: I enjoy fielding real-world questions. Don’t hesitate to ask for help this year or in later years. All you owe me is an e-mail letting me know the final outcome.

Tentative Schedule: Attached is a tentative schedule showing when we will cover the material.

TWEN: The TWEN page for this course will have the student packet, syllabus, PowerPoint slides, the writing assignment, and announcements.

Emergencies: Southern Illinois University Carbondale is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for study and work. Because some health and safety circumstances are beyond our control, we ask that you become familiar with the SIUC Emergency Response Plan and Building Emergency Response Team (BERT) program. Emergency response information is available on posters in buildings on campus, available on BERT’s website at [www.bert.siu.edu](http://www.bert.siu.edu), Department of Safety’s website [www.dps.siu.edu](http://www.dps.siu.edu) (disaster drop down) and in Emergency Response Guideline pamphlet. Know how to respond to each type of emergency.
Instructors will provide guidance and direction to students in the classroom in the event of an emergency affecting your location. **It is important that you follow these instructions and stay with your instructor during an evacuation or sheltering emergency.** The Building Emergency Response Team will provide assistance to your instructor in evacuating the building or sheltering within the facility.

**Recording of Classes:** All classes will be recorded and available for viewing if you were unable to attend. If you had a good reason for not attending, such as a death in the family, a moot court competition, or a job interview, you may report your viewing of the recording to my secretary, Susan Williams, who will refund your absence.

**S/U Grading.** The grades of students who have elected to take this course with S/U grading will be converted by the Registrar according to the following scale: 2.1 or greater = Satisfactory; below 2.1 = Unsatisfactory. Only students who receive a Satisfactory grade will earn academic credit for the course.

Because I follow the law school grading curve, a student might receive a numeric grade of 2.0, which will covert to a U and no credit for the course. After the fact, a student cannot elect to take the numeric grade and I cannot change the grade. As a result of these grading rules, one student who had elected S/U grading a few years ago was unable to graduate, when the student would have graduated with the numeric grade. Please give this matter careful thought – and don’t wrongly assume that passing the course gets the S grade you need for credit in order to graduate.

**Tentative Schedule:** Attached is a tentative schedule of the material we will cover in each class. Because I am using a new casebook this year, I am less able to predict what we will cover each time.
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