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Syllabus and General Instructions

Welcome to the University of Minnesota Law School. I look forward to a wonderful semester with you!

Required Books: Knapp, Crystal and Prince, Problems in Contract Law: Cases and Materials (6th Ed.) (2007); Knapp, Crystal and Prince, Rules of Contract Law (2008-2009).

Office Hours: I have an open door policy, which means students are welcome to come to my office at any time. My office is Room 438 on the fourth floor of Mondale Hall. I am usually in the office Monday through Friday from 7:30a.m. – 4:30 p.m. You may also e-mail me at rokediji@umn.edu. My assistant is Julie Hunt and she can be reached at huntx179@umn.edu.

Attendance Policy: You are expected to be prepared for class, and on time, each day of the semester. Each student is entitled to a maximum of 5 absences throughout the semester.

Final Grade: Your final grade in this course will be based on a comprehensive four hour exam. Students can earn extra points for the quality and consistency of class participation throughout the semester. Class participation points can increase the final course grade by no more than a grade point.

Accommodation on the Basis of Disability: The University of Minnesota is committed to providing reasonable accommodation for all students with disabilities. Students with disabilities who require accommodations in this course are requested to speak with the Dean of Students as early in the semester as possible. If I can be of any additional assistance, please feel free to let me know.

Reading Assignments

Below are the reading assignments for the entire semester. We will cover one assignment per class. The Notes and Questions are important parts of your daily assignments. Please take them seriously and, when feasible, integrate them into your preparatory notes. On days when we do not complete discussion of the assigned class readings I will announce adjustments to the Syllabus as necessary.

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5	Applying the Consideration Doctrine:	87-108
6	Issues in Applying the Concept of Mutual Assent	108-128
7	Issues in Applying the Concept of Mutual Assent; Problems 2-2	128-140
8	Battle of the Forms	143-167
9	Postponed Bargaining	167-190
10	Electronic Contracting	193-212
11	Promissory Estoppel: Development of Doctrine	215-236
12	Promissory Estoppel: Commercial Promises And Comment on the Future of Promissory Estoppel	237-253
13	Restitution	253-286
14	Promissory Restitution: Problems 3-2 and 3-3	286-300

15	Statute of Frauds	303-332
16	UCC Statute of Frauds	335-346
17	Principles and Sources of Interpretation	349-70
18	Adhesion Contracts/ Parol Evidence Rule: Classical View	370-394
19	Parol Evidence Rule: Modern Principles	394-418
20	Parol Evidence Rule: UCC/problem 5-1	418-434
21	Rational for Implied Terms: Implied Obligation of Good Faith	437-464
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23	Warranties	497-515
24	Minority and Incapacity	517-548
25	Duress and Undue Influence; Misrepresentation	548-567
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27	Unconscionability	596-625
28	Public Policy; Problem 7-4	632-658
29	Mistake	663-684
30	Impossibility, Impracticability, and Frustration of Purpose	684-713
31	Modification	713-740
32	Express Conditions	785-804
33	Material Breach and Anticipatory Repudiation	806-833
34	Anticipatory Repudiation	833-841

35	Expectations Damages	845-868
36	Restrictions on Expectation Damages	868-886
37	Restrictions on Expectation Damages	886-910