Non-Profit Corporations
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Welcome to the class.

We will be using LexisNexis Web Course for this class. Your will need your law school LexisNexis ID registration number.

Your first step should be to enroll on the class website. Go to this link: www.lawschool.lexis.com or https://signin.lexisnexis.com/lnaccess/app/signin?aci=ls Then search for this course among the lexis classes taught at Hofstra Law School. Find the enrollment page and enroll in the class. Then use the "send email" button on the left hand side of the page to send a message to Norman.Silber@hofstra.edu. If your message goes through I will let you know, and you are properly registered.

After that, familiarize yourself with the buttons on the left side of the home page of the class website. In particular, check out the Course Documents page, where the textbook is located at the top folder, and Discussion Forums, where you will post your analysis of the text problems with fellow students, and post to the News Blog, where you will be posting current cases and stories about nonprofit issues.

Then adjust the management tools to set notifications so that you will receive notice of new discussion forum posts. You will be required to post responses to text material from time to time.

Then turn to the textbook, which is located on the course documents page. The textbook is UNDERSTANDING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, LAW, POLICY AND MANAGEMENT (Carolina Academic Press, forthcoming). It is a publication in progress, co-authored by Professor Silber and David Hammack of Case Western University. We will be reading selected chapters from the text book over the course of the semester. Each chapter corresponds to one or one and a half hours of class time. Occasionally, class handouts will supplement the materials. I recommend but do not require that you purchase a statutory supplement, available at the bookstore: Fishman and Schwartz, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS STATUTORY SUPPLEMENT (Foundation Press).

WRITING A PAPER

If you intend to take this course for writing credit, please explore the suggested paper topics, on the Course Information page, and begin to develop a research topic suitable for approval. You will be required to complete the topic submission form elsewhere on this page, and to have your topic and approach approved.

I hope you will enjoy the class. Below is a set of focus questions for the first class:

TARGETED DISCUSSION FOR WEEK I

Please read Chapters One and Two. Class discussion will focus on:

Chapter One: Note Questions ("NQ") 1.1; 1.3; 1.6; 1.12; 1.13; 1.14; 1.16; Practice Problem ("PP") 1-1

Chapter Two: NQ 2.1; 2.2; 2.5; 2.6; 2.7; PP2-2.