Learning Objectives:

By the end of this course, students should:

• Have acquired knowledge of business and consumer bankruptcy law, policy, and practice, and of fundamental legal concepts relating to debtor-creditor relationships, and have acquired an ability to apply such knowledge to advising financially distressed individuals and companies, as well as their creditors and other interested parties.
• Have advanced their proficiency in using, analyzing and interpreting a comprehensive statute.
• Have acquired a general awareness of some of the current events, trends, politics, and developments relating to bankruptcy law and practice.

Class times & location:
Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Room 241

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Course Materials:


• 2014 Collier Portable Pamphlet (LexisNexis 2014).

Attendance Policy:

The rules of the New York State Court of Appeals, the American Bar Association, and the Law School all require law students to be in good and regular attendance in the courses for which they are registered. To comply with these rules, you must attend at least 85% of your regularly-scheduled classes in this course. There are 28 regularly-scheduled classes for this course during the semester. Thus, you may miss no more than four regularly-scheduled classes during the semester.
Sign-in sheets will be provided for each regularly-scheduled class, which shall be the dispositive evidence regarding your absence from a given class. Each student is responsible for signing in. Falsification of sign-in sheets is a violation of the Code of Academic Conduct.

If you exceed the permitted absences by failing to sign in, that fact will be reported to the Office of Student Affairs and you will be administratively withdrawn from the course. Any such withdrawal may have serious ramifications for your financial aid, academic standing, and date of graduation. If you are excessively absent from classes in several courses, you may face additional sanctions, including but not limited to denial of certification of good and regular attendance to the New York State Board of Law Examiners or other state bar examiners.

If you believe you must be absent from more than the permitted number of classes, you should contact the Office of Student Affairs as soon as possible. Accommodations may be made for students who must be absent for religious reasons and in cases of truly compelling hardship. Any request for an exception must be made to the Office of Student Affairs and must be accompanied by appropriate documentation.

**TWEN:**

This course uses “TWEN.” Important course information, materials, and announcements will be available via TWEN. Please sign up for TWEN as soon as possible. The email feature on TWEN will be used to let students know when a scheduled class must be cancelled unexpectedly.

**Grading:**

Your final grade will be based on a final examination, which may consist of essay and/or short answer questions (such as multiple choice questions). The final examination will be closed-book, except that students may bring and use their copies of *Collier Portable Pamphlet* while taking the final exam. The professor reserves the right to increase or decrease your letter grade on account of your in-class performance throughout the semester.

**Reading Assignments**

All reading assignments listed below are in *Bankruptcy: Cases, Problems, and Materials* by Adler, Baird & Jackson (4th Edition) (Foundation Press 2007). Also read the Bankruptcy Code sections discussed in the reading materials. The Code sections are in *Collier Portable Pamphlet*. These assignments are subject to change during the semester.


Week of Sept. 1: pages 21-30, 32-41, 55-59, 66-69; 103-118

Week of Sept. 8: pages 124-127, 411-416
Week of Sept. 15: pages 191-197, 213-216, 583-587

Week of Sept. 22: pages 141-142, 148-156

Week of Sept. 29: pages 177-185, 525-526, 538-556

Week of Oct. 6: pages 559-564, 600-603, 608-619

Week of Oct. 13: pages 621-626, 644-647

Week of Oct. 20: pages 667-678, 430-447

Week of Oct. 27: pages 475-484

Week of Nov. 3: pages 223-225, 235-239, 255-263

Week of Nov. 10: pages 678-691, 697-714, 716-722

Week of Nov. 17: pages 275-279, 287-288, 309-315

Week of Nov. 24: pages 352-358, 374-378