



## I. Course Information

**Course:** LAW 0612 - Contracts

**Semester and Year:** Fall 2018

**Course Start and End Dates:** 08/20/2018 - 12/09/2018

**Course CRN and Section:** 22707 - L01

**Building and Room:** Shepard Broad College of Law - LECTR4

## II. Instructor Information

**Name:** Coleman, Phyllis

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**Office Hours:** Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5 and Fridays from 11:30 to 12:30. Others by appointment or just drop in. If I am not busy, I would be happy to talk with you.

As I will tell you in class, I have the best office in the building. I hope you will stop by and see for yourself.

## III. Class Schedule and Location

Day	Date	Time	Location	Building/Room
WF	08/20/2018 - 12/09/2018	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Ft Lauderdale/Davie Campus	Shepard Broad College of Law- LECTR4
T	12/04/2018 - 12/04/2018		Ft Lauderdale/Davie Campus	Exam-EXAM

## IV. Course Description

This course provides a comprehensive study of the creation, transfer, and termination of contract rights and duties with a focus on the common law. This is a required first year course.

## V. Learning Outcomes

Students completing this instructional offering are expected to:

1. Demonstrate a knowledge of substantive legal doctrine fundamental to this course (e.g., case law, legal concepts, legal principals, regulations and statutes).
2. Identify legal issues and apply legal reasoning and analysis to solve problems in a logical and structured manner to issues covered in this course.
3. Communicate orally or in writing, or both, the legal reasoning and analysis regarding issues covered in this course.

4. Demonstrate a proficiency in reading critically the materials assigned for this course.

## VI. Materials and Resources

### Section Required Texts and Material:

Title: Cases and Problem on Contracts (2011)

Author: John Calamari et al.

Publisher: West

Edition: sixth edition

ISBN-13: 9780314202857

**Section Recommended Texts and Materials:** Title: Examples & Explanations: Contracts

Author: Brian A. Blum

Edition: seventh ed., 2017

ISBN 13: 9781454868415.

You can buy any edition of this book just make sure, if you have a study group, everyone has the same edition. Older editions will be cheaper and are just as good for practice.

**Section Supplemental Material:** There are no supplemental materials although I may assign new cases or articles during the term.

**Book Url:** [NSU Book Store](#)

## VII. Course Requirements

### *Other Important Information:*

Class preparation is required. Failure to be prepared more than two times may result in your final grade being lowered to the next available grade pursuant to the Code of Academic Regulations. To be prepared, you must be able to respond to questions about the assigned materials. In addition, you must have a written brief using the attached form for each assigned case. **Briefs may be collected (especially if it seems that many people are struggling or simply not doing them). Failure to turn in a brief if I collect them will be counted as an unprepared for that day.** (If you have not printed a copy of your brief, you may email it to me but, to be considered timely, it must be sent **immediately** when I call for it.)

You also will be expected to draft answers to the *specifically assigned* questions at the end of each section in the casebook, as well as be able to use the readings to resolve hypothetical problems presented in class. **Failure to be able to respond about either will be counted as an unprepared.** This does not mean you have to be 100% correct but, rather, that you must be able to demonstrate you read the materials and made a good faith effort to understand them.

There will be a practice exam and graded quizzes during the semester. Further details will be available once school starts..

Make sure you also get the separate assignment sheet and brief form. There is an assignment for the first day. You must read and brief the cases as well as write out answers to the specifically assigned problems.

## VIII. Course Schedule and Topic Outline

**Course Schedule:** This class meets Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 11 a.m.

## IX. Grading Criteria

**Final Grade:**

## Final Course Grade:

This course has several components most of which are graded. (See grading breakdown below.)

- **Practice exam.** This is practice and, therefore, will *not* be graded.
- **Quizzes.** There will be graded quizzes. They will represent approximately 20% of your final grade.
- **Final exam.** There will be a comprehensive final exam. Time and place will be announced by Student Services shortly before the exam.

Practice exam	0%
Quizzes	approximately 20%
Final exam	approximately 80%
TOTAL	100%

**Grading Scale:** The College of Law uses the following grading system:

A	4.00
A-	3.75
B+	3.50
B	3.00
B-	2.75
C+	2.50
C	2.00
C-	1.75
D+	1.50
D	1.00
D-	0.75
F (or WF)	0.00

AU    Audit; no credit or effect on average  
I      Incomplete  
P      Pass; no effect on average  
W      Withdrawal

## X. Course Policies

### General Policy:

**Professionalism is as important a component of this course as it is in the practice of law.**

Consequently, you are expected to behave in class as you would in a courtroom or law office (although more casual classroom attire is appropriate).

*Arrive on time.* This means that, at 9 a.m., you should be in your seat and ready to work (computers on, books open, and briefs ready). Although I would prefer not to, if tardiness becomes a problem, I will, with prior written notice, invoke the school rule that missing any portion of a class will be marked as an absence. See *Code of Academic Regulations*, § 2.1.3. Obviously, I understand that things happen and someone might be late one day. My concern is recidivists.

*Laptops may not be used during class for anything but Contracts.* Please do not engage in distracting or disruptive behavior including (but not limited to) “surfing” the Internet, instant messaging, chatting with your neighbor, leaving during class time (except in an emergency), and similar unacceptable activities.

All cell phones and beepers must be turned off during class. (Please let me know in advance if you are experiencing some emergency for which you need an exception to this rule.)

If you engage in rude, unprofessional behavior, I may tell you to leave class or reduce your grade to the next available grade (or impose some other appropriate sanction).

You will be given a 3x5 index card the first day of class from which you will be called on at random. If you do not turn in a card, your final grade may be lowered to the next available grade.

At our first class, you will also be given a “tent” card with your name on it. Please display it in front of you for the first few weeks of class so that I can more quickly learn your names. If you have a nickname, or other name you prefer, please see me and I will change your card.

Classes may **not** be recorded without prior approval.

Although it is unlikely, sometimes circumstances require changes in the syllabus. If so, I will provide written notice in advance of the modification.

**Attendance Policy:**

**Regular attendance is required.**

This course follows the attendance policies detailed in the *Code of Academic Regulations*.

**The maximum number of absences allowed before a student receives an F for excessive absences in this course is five.**

If you are absent more than five times, pursuant to the Code of Academic Regulations, you will automatically be withdrawn from the class and receive a grade of “F.” Attendance will be taken every class. According to school rules, there are NO excused absences. See Code of Academic Regulations. It is your responsibility to make sure you sign the attendance sheet. Failure to do so by the time I walk out of class with the sheet creates an irrebuttable presumption that you were absent.

**Credit Hour Requirements:**

Out-of-Classroom Expectations: Students are expected to read all assigned materials and be prepared for all classes. As set forth in ABA Standard 310, students should spend a minimum of two hours of out-of-class preparation for every in-class hour in accordance with the *Code of Academic Regulations* available at:

[https://www.law.nova.edu/about/documents/Code\\_of\\_Academic\\_Regulations.pdf](https://www.law.nova.edu/about/documents/Code_of_Academic_Regulations.pdf)

In this four-credit instructional offering, there are 3,000 required in-classroom minutes of direct faculty supervised instruction. You are required to spend at least 7,200 out-of-classroom minutes on class preparation for a total of at least 10,200 minutes (or 170 hours) on this course. (Remember, these are *minimums*.) Code of Academics Regulations.

## XI. University Policies

Students should visit <http://www.nova.edu/academic-affairs/nsu-syllabus-policy.html> to access additional required college-wide policies and [https://www.law.nova.edu/about/documents/Code\\_of\\_Academic\\_Regulations.pdf](https://www.law.nova.edu/about/documents/Code_of_Academic_Regulations.pdf) for policies specific to the College of Law. It is your responsibility to access and carefully read these policies to ensure you are fully informed. As a student in this class, you are obligated to follow these policies in

addition to the policies established by your instructor.  
The following policies are described on these websites:

- Academic misconduct
- Last day to withdraw
- Email policy
- Student course evaluations
- Student responsibility to register
- Student responsibility for course prerequisites
- Class Preparation
- Graduation Requirements, etc.

**Additional Academic Resources:** Nova Southeastern University offers a variety of resources that may aid in student success. Among these resources is:

**Accommodations for students with documented disabilities.** For more information about ADA policy, services, and procedures, students may call the Office of Student Disability Services at 954-262-7185 or visit <http://www.nova.edu/disabilityservices>.