

LESLIE N. CLEAVER
SPORTS LAW, FALL 2020

Course: 5256 Sports Law
Section: 20143
Credits: 2
Class Meeting: Mondays; 5:30 PM – 7:20 PM; Room TBD
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Office Hours: Immediately following each class (by appointment)

COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course deals with various legal issues confronted by a professional sports team. This course reviews the business, risk management, intellectual property, and financial issues that arise in connection with the operation of a team.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

This course will evaluate the legal ramifications of decisions made by a professional sports team. Practical practice areas that will be covered in this course include creating the legal framework for business activities.

GRADING

Your final grade will be based on two components: (1) your final examination score (90% of final grade); and (2) your in-class participation performance (10% of final grade).

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Attendance and participation in class discussions are mandatory. All students are expected to be prepared to discuss assigned readings.

You are required to attend 80% of the classes in order to receive credit for the course. If you have a serious illness, death in the family, or other emergency, please contact me. More than two (2) missed classes in this course will qualify as excessive absences.

Attendance will be taken via a roll sheet passed out during each class session.

COURSE MATERIALS

Textbook: M. Mitten, T. Davis, R. Smith, S. Ross, N.J. Duru, Sports Law and Regulation: Cases, Materials, and Problems, Fourth Edition, Aspen, 2017.

Supplemental

Reading: Supplemental reading may be assigned throughout the semester.

ASSIGNMENTS

<u>Class Date</u>	<u>Readings</u>
1. August 24	TBD
2. August 31	TBD
3. September 7	No Class – Labor Day
4. September 14	TBD
5. September 21	TBD
6. September 28	TBD
7. October 5	TBD
8. October 12	TBD
9. October 19	TBD
10. October 26	TBD
11. November 2	TBD
12. November 9	TBD
13. November 16	TBD
14. November 23	TBD
15. November 30	TBD
16. December 7	Final Exam – Classroom TBD

SYLLABUS REVISIONS

Information in this Syllabus, other than grading and attendance policies, is subject to change in the professor's sole discretion, with reasonable notice to the students.

COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS)

CAPS can help students who are having difficulties managing stress, adjusting to the demands of a professional program, or feeling sad and hopeless. You can reach CAPS (www.uh.edu/caps) by calling 713-743-5454 during and after business hours for routine appointments or if you or someone you know is in crisis. No appointment is necessary for the "Let's Talk" program, a drop-in consultation service at convenient locations and hours around campus. See:http://www.uh.edu/caps/outreach/lets_talk.html.