

Mitchell Hamline College of Law
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Consumer Rights Law - Spring 2018 – 2 Credits - Course Syllabus

1. **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Students will examine a variety of consumer rights statutes, primarily federal. Students will learn private consumer rights law through lectures, quizzes, basic litigation forms, class discussions, and selected readings. Students will learn to issue spot, screen clients, document and strengthen cases, and select appropriate claims.

2. **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

To provide you with a practical overview of a consumer rights practice under a set of selected consumer rights statutes. Emphasis on developing strategies for client selection, gathering evidence, drafting pleadings, conducting discovery, motion practice and resolving consumer cases. You will also get practical, real world, direction in practicing law. I use a mix of video, lecture, and actual court documents.

3. **GRADING**

There will be three (3) quizzes and/or assignments. Quizzes will not be noted in advance and may or may not occur on the same night as an assignment, if any, is due. Each quiz will be graded on a 10-point scale. Quizzes will be multiple choice, true/false, and short answer, and will be designed to ensure that you have read and understood the materials and attended class. Assignments will be written and practical in nature. Anything in the reading materials, written assignments, or lectures is fair game for the quizzes. You'll have plenty of time to complete each quiz. You may not communicate with anyone else during the quizzes. The quizzes are closed book. **Pop Quizzes / Assignments = 30% of your grade** There will be a take-home final exam. Short answer format. Open book but no collaboration. **Final Exam = 70% of your grade.** This is an open graded class. Please do not use your pin number on anything, but always provide your full name.

4. **REQUIRED & SUGGESTED READING MATERIALS**

- **REQUIRED TEXT:** "Becoming a Trial Lawyer: A Guide for the Lifelong Advocate" By Rick Friedman (2015 Second Edition ONLY) - \$65.00 New – Buy it at: <http://www.trialguides.com/book/becoming-a-trial-lawyer-2nd/>
Coupon Code: MHLAW25 = 25% Student Discount
Expires: February 10, 2018
- Please Note: Any additional materials or class changes/announcements will be made available on the web at www.lawpoint.com under "Links" then "Class Materials" as announced in class.

5. **CLASS ATTENDANCE**

Class attendance is mandatory and punctuality is essential. You must attend every class, be on time, and remain in class for the entire period. Failure to attend class, showing up late for class, or leaving class early will result in a grade reduction. I will make every effort to see to it that class starts and ends on time. (I apologize to you in advance for any rescheduled classes.) If there are extenuating circumstances and good cause is shown, I may approve your absence. If you cannot attend class or any portion thereof, submit an email to me with your full name on it in advance of the class that describes your circumstances and the good cause. Use the subject line: MISSING CLASS. I will consider and approve these absences on a case-by-case basis.

6. **OFFICE HOURS**

I will be happy to speak with you after class at WMCL. Feel free to call my office at (612) 379-8800 during the day and ask to speak with me. If I am available, I will always take your call.

7. **CHANGES**

This syllabus is subject to revision, correction, or modification. Thank you!