MIDLAND COLLEGE
SYLLABUS
1999-2000
LEGA 1306/LGLA 1343
BANKRUPTCY LAW
3 semester credit hours (3 hours lecture, 0 lab)

Course Description
This course presents fundamental concepts of bankruptcy law with emphasis on the paralegal’s role. The student will become familiar with the substantive and procedural aspects of bankruptcy petitions, hearings and discharges. The student will gain an understanding of the types of bankruptcy and the determination of the bankruptcy estate as well as the remedies available to creditors and debtors.

Text
Webster, Bankruptcy Law for Paralegals

Course Goals
Upon successful completion of the course, the student will accomplish the following:

1. Exhibit ethical behavior
2. Apply bankruptcy discharge rules, estate formation rules, bankruptcy preference and creditor priority rules and reaffirmation agreement rules.
3. Calculate bankruptcy estate and distribution.
4. Define commonly used terms and concepts such as bankruptcy estate, bankruptcy preference, trustee, discharge from bankruptcy, reaffirmation agreement, reorganization plan.
5. Describe bankruptcy law organization and the types of bankruptcy.
6. Explain creditor’s rights, estate formation rules, notification procedures, preference rules, trustee’s duties and powers, court’s jurisdiction, Chapter 7, 11 and 13 procedures, creditor priority rules, exempt property, fraudulent transfer, involuntary and voluntary bankruptcy initiation.
7. Locate bankruptcy cases and laws and list law sources.
8. Identify involuntary and voluntary bankruptcy petitions.
Students will be expected to exhibit professional behavior during class and are expected to attend class. If it becomes necessary for a student to miss a scheduled class time, it will be the student’s responsibility to contact the instructor during scheduled office hours in order to receive missed assignments. If a student is absent on a scheduled exam day, he/she may take a make up exam (which may be a different exam then that given at the scheduled exam time) within one week from the scheduled date of the exam. After one week has expired, no make-up exams will be accepted.

There will be three tests or projects worth 20% each. The final exam will count as 30% of the student’s grade. Attendance and class participation will count for 10% of the final grade.

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