

Western State University College of Law  
Business Law Center  
Corporate Finance & Accounting for Lawyers  
Spring 2015 Syllabus

Monday 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
Room: TBA  
Professor John Ohashi

This class introduces students to the basic concepts of corporate managerial finance and accounting. Understanding financial and accounting concepts is essential to the practice of law as legal and business/financial issues are inseparable and lawyers must understand and be able to competently discuss those issues with their clients and other professionals in order to provide effective legal counsel, which includes helping clients start, develop, and sell their businesses, implementing effective discovery and litigation strategies, and structuring settlements. Students will also find that the concepts discussed in class will be relevant to their own personal financial planning.

### **Required Text Book**

Fundamentals of Financial Management (13th ed.) by Brigham & Houston  
(Cengage Learning)

### **Required Financial Calculator**

Students must have a financial calculator by the fourth week of class. The class will discuss this requirement before the fourth week.

### **Grading**

Grades are based on: (1) quizzes during the semester and a final exam; and (2) timely completion and submission of: (a) assigned problems at the end of various chapters of the textbook; and (b) weekly class project (student stock portfolios).

### **Disability Services Statement**

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To seek reasonable accommodations, a student must contact Senior Assistant Dean Donna Espinoza, Student Services Director and Disabilities Services Coordinator, whose office is in the Second Floor Students Services Suite. Dean Espinoza's phone number and email address are: (714) 459-1117; [despinoza@wsulaw.edu](mailto:despinoza@wsulaw.edu). When seeking accommodations, a student

should notify Dean Espinoza of her or his specific limitations and, if known, her or his specific requested accommodations. Students who seek accommodations will be asked to supply medical documentation of the need for accommodation. Classroom accommodations are not retroactive, but are effective only upon the student sharing approved accommodations with the instructor or professor. Therefore, students are encouraged to request accommodations as early as feasible with Dean Espinoza to allow for time to gather necessary documentation. If you have a concern or complaint in this regard, please notify Dean Espinoza; or please notify Associate Dean of Students Charles Sheppard at [csheppard@wsulaw.edu](mailto:csheppard@wsulaw.edu) or (714) 459-1152. Complaints will be handled in accordance with the College of Law's "Policy against Discrimination and Harassment."

### **Weekly Class Topics**

Week 1	Chapter 1 An Overview of Financial Management Instructions for student stock portfolios weekly class project
Week 2	Chapter 2 Financial Markets and Institutions
Week 3	Chapter 3 Financial Statements, Cash Flow, and Taxes
Week 4	Continuation of Chapter 3
Week 5	Chapter 5 Time Value of Money-Part 1: Read through Section 5-5 on page 150
Week 6	Chapter 5 Time Value of Money-Part 2
Week 7	Chapter 6 Interest Rates
Week 8	Chapter 7 Bonds and their Valuation
Week 9	Chapter 8 Risk and Rates of Return
Week 10	Chapter 9 - Stocks and their Valuation
Week 11	Continuation of Chapter 9
Week 12	Personal Financial Planning
Week 13	[RESERVED]
Week 14	Review for final exam; Closing