

## **White Collar Crime § 623A**

### **Spring Semester 2013 Course Syllabus**

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#### Required Texts:

White Collar Crime, Cases, Materials, and Problems (2nd ed. 2009) by J. Kelly Strader and Sandra D. Jordan. [2012 supplement available online at <http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool/study/texts/>].

White Collar Crime, Cases, Materials, and Problems: Document Supplement by J. Kelly Strader and Sandra D. Jordan (2009)

The course objectives for the student include learning the elements of white collar crimes, such as various forms of fraud, embezzlement, and RICO. Students will be expected to understand and apply the theories of liability applicable to white collar crimes, including conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and individual versus corporate liability. Students will be expected to understand federal grand jury proceedings as related to the investigation of white collar crimes. Finally, students will need to understand the range of civil and criminal penalties that can be imposed on individuals and corporations convicted on charges of white collar crime.

The course is being offered this semester as a writing class rather than a standard examination format. 75% of the final grade will be based upon a student research paper. The project is intended to satisfy the upper level writing requirement [ULWR]. Please review section IV(A)(8) of the Student Handbook for details of the ULWR.

The ULWR paper should address a contemporary issue in white collar crime. The topic must be approved in advance. The paper shall be a minimum of 20 pages long in a double-spaced format. A draft of the paper must be submitted for review on March

11, 2013. The final paper must be submitted in electronic form no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 7, 2013.

Students are expected to be prepared for each class meeting and ready to take part in discussion and analysis of the week's assigned reading. Class participation is essential to the learning experience, and accounts for 25% of each student's final grade.

## Weekly Reading Assignments

Week 1. January 14, 2013.

Textbook Chapter 1: Overview of White Collar Crime [pp. 1-14];  
Chapter 2: Corporate and Individual Liability [pp. 15-50].

Week 2. January 28, 2013.

Textbook Chapter 3: Conspiracy [pp. 51-82].

Week 3. February 4, 2013.

Textbook Chapter 4: Mail and Wire Fraud [pp. 83-138].

Week 4. February 11, 2013.

Textbook Chapter 5: Securities Fraud [pp. 139-194].

Week 5. February 25, 2013.

Textbook Chapter 6: Computer Crimes [pp. 195-220].

Week 6. March 4, 2013.

Textbook Chapter 7: Bribery and Gratuities [pp. 221-246];  
Chapter 8: Extortion [pp. 247-274].

Week 7. March 11, 2013.

Textbook Chapter 9: False Statements [pp. 275-304].  
*Writing requirement research topics due.*

Week 8. March 18, 2013.

Textbook Chapter 10: Perjury and False Declarations [pp. 305-332];  
Chapter 11: Obstruction of Justice [pp. 333-356].

Week 9. March 25, 2013.

Textbook Chapter 12: Tax Crimes [pp. 357-388].

Week 10. April 1, 2013.

Textbook Chapter 13: Money Laundering and Related Financial  
Crimes [pp. 389-434].

Week 11. April 8, 2013.

Textbook Chapter 14: RICO [pp. 435-496].  
*Draft papers due.*

Week 12. April 15, 2013.

Textbook Chapter 15: Internal Investigation and Compliance Programs [pp. 497-522];

Chapter 16: The Grand Jury [pp. 523-550].

Week 13. April 22, 2013.

Textbook Chapter 17: Self-Incrimination—Witness Testimony and Document Production [pp. 551-576];

Chapter 18: Civil Actions, Civil Penalties, and Parallel Proceedings [pp. 577-612].

Week 14. April 29, 2013.

Textbook Chapter 19: Sentencing [pp. 613-664];

Chapter 20: Forfeitures [pp. 665-710].

May 7, 2013.

Completed writing requirement papers due.