

White Collar Crime § 545A

Spring Semester 2014 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: 2013 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 ____, 2014. The final paper must be submitted in electronic form no later than 4:00 p.m. on May ____, 2014.

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 16, 2014.

Textbook Chapter 1: Overview of White Collar Crime [pp. 1-14].

Supplement p. 5.

Chapter 2: Corporate and Individual Liability [pp. 15-50].

Supplement p. 6.

Week 2. January 23, 2014.

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

Supplement pp. 7-16.

Week 3. January 30, 2014.

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

Supplement pp. 17-47.

Week 4. February 6, 2014.

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

Supplement pp. 48-50.

Week 5. February 13, 2014.

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

Supplement pp. 51-53.

Week 6. February 20, 2014.

Textbook Chapter 7: Bribery and Gratuities [pp. 221-246].

Supplement pp. 54-55.

Chapter 8: Extortion [pp. 247-274].

Supplement p. 56.

Week 7. February 27, 2014.

Textbook Chapter 9: False Statements [pp. 275-304].

Supplement p. 57.

Writing requirement research topics due.

Week 8. March 6, 2014.

Textbook Chapter 10: Perjury and False Declarations [pp. 305-332].

Supplement p. 58.

Chapter 11: Obstruction of Justice [pp. 333-356].

Supplement p. 59.

Week 9. March 20, 2014.

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

Week 10. March 27, 2014.

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

Supplement p. 60.

Week 11. April 3, 2014.

Textbook Chapter 14: RICO [pp. 435-496].

Supplement p. 61.

Draft papers due.

Week 12. April 10, 2014.

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

Supplement pp. 62-72.

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

Supplement pp. 73-74.

Week 13. April 17, 2014.

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

Supplement pp. 75-76.

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

Supplement pp. 77-78.

Week 14. April 24, 2014.

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

Supplement pp. 79-82.

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

Supplement p. 83.

May 1, 2014.

Completed writing requirement papers due.