Contracts I
Professor Lee
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Course and Objectives

This course focuses on the formation of an enforceable contract, whereas Contracts II will focus on the parties’ actions after the contract has been formed. In particular, in this course we will examine the elements that are needed to create an enforceable contract as well as the circumstances in which a contract may be enforced despite the absence of those elements. Objectives for this class include: 1) better comprehension of the significance of contracts in today’s society; 2) improved understanding of the elements needed to create an enforceable contract; and 3) increased familiarity with the statutes and cases governing contracts.

Administrative Items

Classes: Class will normally be held in Room A250 Monday through Friday from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. I may also schedule some classes outside of these times.

Course Web Page: You will need to enroll for the course “Contracts I Summer 2015” on Blackboard, which is available through Lexis. I will be using the Blackboard course web page to convey information (e.g., assignments, schedule changes, etc.). Accordingly, you need to check the Blackboard page regularly.

Class Performance: Regular, punctual class attendance and participation are course requirements along with the final examination. I reserve the right to raise or lower grades by half a letter grade based on classroom performance.

If you miss more than three (3) classes (including classes that are taught outside of our normal classtime or by other faculty members) for any reason, you will have to explain all your absences to Claude Arrington, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, and may receive no credit or a failing grade for the course. All classes that are taught by other faculty members, as well as all in-class exams, are mandatory and will not be excused without prior permission.

Clickers: I will use the iClicker system to both take attendance and periodically poll the class on various questions. Please obtain an i>clicker+ and register it at iClicker.com, using your CWID number; you can purchase one through the Law School bookstore or online. Alternatively, you may choose to obtain the i-Clicker GO app for your mobile phone. More information about iClicker is available at http://www1.iclicker.com/

Whatever system you decide to use, please make sure to participate in all iClicker activities. You will be marked absent for every day in which you do not participate.
in all iClicker activities, unless your iClicker is malfunctioning. Please keep spare batteries with you, as a low battery will not be considered a malfunction.

Final Examination: There will be various exams, both multiple-choice and essay, held throughout the course. All exams, including the final exam, will be open book.

Text and Other Materials: You are required to purchase the following text: Ian Ayres and Gregory Klass, Studies in Contract Law (8th ed. 2012). I also may assign readings from additional materials to supplement the required text. You are responsible for all statutes and regulations referenced in the text, cases, and other reading materials.

Contact Information and Office Hours: My office is located in Room 304. My telephone number is (205) 348-1125, and my e-mail address is glee@law.ua.edu. I will not be holding formal office hours during the summer, but will be available immediately after class to answer any questions you may have. You are also welcome to come by at any other time during the week, and I am happy to meet with you when I am available. I encourage you to e-mail me to schedule an appointment in order to ensure that I will be available. I will give priority to students with scheduled appointments and will meet with all others on a first-come, first-served basis.

Recording Devices: The use of recording devices is prohibited without my prior permission. Any violations of this policy may be reported to Dean Arrington and further disciplinary action may be taken.

Accommodations: Students with disabilities or special needs are encouraged to contact Dean Arrington at 205-348-6557 (carrington@law.ua.edu) so that any individual needs for support services can be evaluated and accommodated in a timely manner. While I am happy to assist in any way I can, you should first contact Dean Arrington’s office in order to ensure confidentiality when possible.

Academic Conduct: All students in attendance at the University of Alabama School of Law are expected to be honorable and to observe standards of conduct appropriate to a community of scholars. The Law School expects from its students a higher standard of conduct than the minimum required to avoid discipline. Academic misconduct includes all acts of dishonesty in any academically related matter and any help or attempt to help, or conspiracy to help, another student.

The University of Alabama School of Law Honor Code will be followed in the event of academic misconduct; a copy of this document is available at http://www.law.ua.edu/students/honor-council/. Students, faculty members, and administrators must report suspected academic misconduct in violation of this Code to a member of the Honor Council for investigation and resolution by the Council.
Course Outline

I. Introduction
II. Bases of Contract Liability
   A. Consideration
   B. Promissory Estoppel
   C. Moral Obligation
   D. Unjust Enrichment
III. Agreement
   A. Mutual Assent
      1. Misunderstanding
      2. Implied Contracts
   B. Offer
   C. Acceptance
   D. Termination