BUS 410 - Regulatory Compliance
Doane College/Lincoln
Thursday Evenings from 6pm
Autumn Term, 2014 (3 credit hours)

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Course Description:
An introduction to the American legal system, focusing on the roles and authority of the federal and state regulatory agencies. Students learn the rights and responsibilities of individuals and business entities in the context of several regulatory schemes, including: environmental (EPA) employment (EEOC), and occupational safety (OSHA). Students will be able to identify and analyze business situations involving regulatory issues and will be able to identify and analyze business situations involving regulatory issues and will be able to apply legal concepts to determine a recommended course of action for individuals and organizations.

Course Outline (by week):

1) 8/21/14 - Read chapters 1 & 2, pages 2-42. Introduction To Law & Business Ethics & Social Responsibility.
   *Group Presentations Should Be Identified And Set By Today*
4) 9/11/14 – Read the handout entitled, “All About OSHA”, a 2012 booklet in the public interest.
   *A Take Home Midterm Will Be Given Out In Class Today*
   *Your Take Home Midterm Is Due In Class Today*
   *Group Presentations May Begin Today*
   *Final Given Out In Class Today, Due At Our 10th Class*
8) 10/9/2014 - *No Class Today, Instructor Has A Conflict*
9) 10/16/2014 - *Group Presentations Conclude & Your Final Exam & Paper Are Due Today*

Upon Completion of This Course Students Will:
1) Develop a general understanding of regulatory law.
2) Develop a better understanding of EEOC, OSHA, EPA, FDA and SEC regulatory practices
3) Develop a better understanding of management options in dealing with regulatory agencies.
4) Develop and refine group presentation skills.

Course Learning Strategies To Achieve Objectives:
1) Class Lecture
2) PowerPoint presentations to illustrate issues
3) Group discussion.
Texts:

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Grading:
Grades will be determined by the following, totaling 100% possible, per student:

1. Midterm Exam ----------------- 25%
   A take home exam will be given out during the 4th session and is due during the 5th session. This midterm exam will cover materials found in the first 1-4 sessions.

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   A take home exam will be given out at the 7th session and is due during the 9th session. This final exam will cover materials found in all sessions.

3. Group Presentation -------------- 25%
   During our first class, groups will be formed to work on one 25-20 minute presentation. This group presentation will focus on a management regulatory problem, involving one of the regulatory agencies we study, EEOC, EPA, OSHA, FDA or the SEC, to be presented to the class during one of our last few sessions. The particular topic chosen will be determined by the group, as long as no other group reserves that topic first and it is approved by the instructor. All presentations must be identified by your third week’s class session. Presentations should have an opening, body and a closing, with a brief question and answer period following the presentation. Additional research, obtained from beyond the text, will mark the better presentations. Groups should consider themselves regulatory consultants and present accordingly in a professional manner. A written outline, or summary, must be turned in to your instructor on the day of the group presentation, and all sources must be cited.

4. Paper ------------------------- 25%
   By our 8th class, a paper of at least 7 typed, double spaced pages is due about one of the regulatory agencies that we study for this class. Please detail the history, organizational layout, duties, responsibilities, etc of the regulatory agency. Cite all sources used in your paper.

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