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## **BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS Spring Semester 2019**

**COURSE BOOK:** William A Klein, J. Mark Ramseyer & Stephen M Bainbridge, BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS: CASES AND MATERIALS ON AGENCY, PARTNERSHIPS, LLCs AND CORPORATIONS (10th ed. 2018).<sup>1</sup> The blog for this class is at <http://www.blenderlaw.com/business-associations/>. I will post details of assignments for class on the blog together with questions for discussion and links to useful resources, including statutory materials. You should check the blog at least once each week during the semester. I plan to update the blog on Thursday evening each week.

**ASSESSMENT AND ATTENDANCE:** Your performance in this course will be assessed by means of a three-hour, in-class, **closed book** examination. Past exams are available from the class blog (although please note that the exams for the most recent 3 years were written on the basis of a Casebook different from the one we are using). I will take attendance. You are entitled to three **unexplained** absences from class during the semester. You may send me an email to explain an absence from class or contact the Dean of Students' office.

I reserve the right to lower the grade of anyone who misses more than three classes without informing me of the reason for their absence. I also reserve the right to drop a student from class if he or she misses a substantial number of classes (whether or not those absences are explained). If you miss a class please do ask me if you have any questions about the material you missed. Consistent **and useful** participation in class may raise your grade.

**GENERAL COMMENTS:** This is an introductory business associations class. There are no prerequisites. However, if you are unfamiliar with business terminology you may find it useful to look at a book such as Klein, Coffee & Partnoy, BUSINESS ORGANIZATION AND FINANCE. **Ask me if you have questions.** You can see me by appointment (I prefer to arrange appointments by email), catch me before or after class, or email me with your questions ([cbradley@law.miami.edu](mailto:cbradley@law.miami.edu)). Reading business news stories (New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Reuters) will help to develop comfort with some of the terminology. I will refer to business news stories on the class blog.

If you have a disability, or suspect that you may have a disability, the Law School encourages you to contact the Law School's Office for Student Accessibility and Inclusion for information about available opportunities, resources, and services. The

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<sup>1</sup> On January 9, 2019 this book was available from Amazon at \$219.99.

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