Welcome! This document contains certain administrative information for the section of Contracts 1 that I will be teaching.

Note: The instructor-authored, required book is only available on amazon.com. It has a current purchase price of $11.22. As of August 4, Amazon indicates that it can be delivered to Amazon Prime members within two days, with no separate shipping charge. Students are strongly urged to acquire it as soon as possible. Amazon.com’s publishing is the sole source of supply, and the current two-day delivery schedule may not continue to apply as the academic term approaches. If a student delays and thereafter a backlog develops at amazon.com, it may then become impracticable to get the materials to a student on a timely basis, although one copy will be placed on 2-hour reserve in the law school’s library.

Texts:

1. Required:


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2. Recommended:


   This e-book, which is a selection of statutory provisions, is only available as a Kindle e-book, at a price of $4.99, from Amazon.com.

   Students will have electronic access to databases that will allow them to get the text of the material that is reproduced in this recommended e-book. That will be through other databases available to all MU law students. However, for some students, it will be more efficient to acquire this modestly-priced e-book. It is fine to postpone deciding on this until after the term begins.

3. Additional:

   It is possible that we will finish covering the required text a few classes before the end of the term. In that case, the instructor will make available additional materials before the end of the term.
Assignment for the First Class:

1. Read the class syllabus. It will be posted on the Canvas course website, to available at https://courses.missouri.edu. The site will be available on or before August 15. However, a student can only access MU’s Canvas sites with his or her pawprint. So, if a student does not have his or her pawprint set up on that date, he or she will be unable to access the site until he or she gets a pawprint. A discussion area will be created on the course website for questions on the syllabus. Any question that a student has on the syllabus is to be posted in that discussion area by noon on Monday, Aug. 22.

2. Read the following pages of BARONDES, MATERIALS ON THE LAW OF CONTRACTS AND RELATED OBLIGATIONS (Contracts 1, 2022 ed. (Volume I)):

   1–8.8; 10.3–27.2; 31.0–36.7.

   A note about page references with decimals: A decimal point after a page number references a tenth of a page. So, 8.8 references eight-tenths of the way down a page. The tenths will not be measured with a ruler. Typically, a decimal point will correspond to a natural break (a paragraph end, etc.). However, if there is some ambiguity, you should construe the designation as referencing the greater amount of reading (and not have a back-and-forth with me as to whether you have to read a few more lines). That is because it takes more time to have a back-and-forth with myself as to the precise point than it does to simply read the possibly additional tenth of a page.

   A zero, as in 31.0, references the top of a page. A .1 would reference one-tenth of the way down a page, and .10 would reference the bottom of the page. If a decimal is not provided: if the reference begins a portion of the reading, you are to start at the top of the indicated page; if the reference ends a portion of the reading, you are to read through to the end of the indicated page.

3. Analyze the hypothetical in note 5 on page 36 of the assigned reading. You are to be prepared to discuss the hypothetical in class. You do not have to prepare a written answer for submission to the instructor.

4. Start the process of selecting a group of 2 or 3 other students enrolled in the class with whom you would like to “team” (form a group of 3 or 4 students for purposes of this class). From time to time, student teams will be called upon in class to discuss various matters, some of which your team will have been asked to discuss among the team’s members in advance of class. On or about the second week of classes, you also will be asked to select a seat in the classroom that is adjacent to others in your team and that will be yours throughout the term, located so that you will be able to have discussions with your team members during class. For these reasons, as part of the process of meeting your classmates at the beginning of the term, you should keep in mind that you will need to form or join a team for purposes of this class.