

**ADMIRALTY  
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI LAW SCHOOL  
COURSE # 300 A**

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I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

A study of maritime law including admiralty jurisdiction, the carriage of goods by sea, marine insurance, charter parties, rights of seamen and maritime workers, collision, personal injury, salvage, pollution, maritime liens and limitation of liability. The class will exam the practical concerns of pursuing and defending maritime claims and legal liability. The textbook, articles, speakers, discussions, and written problems will be used to explore the special applications of maritime law. This is a three credit course. There are no prerequisites.

II. COURSE MATERIALS

Required text: Cases and Materials on Admiralty, Sixth Edition, Healy and Sharpe (2017)

I will also, from time to time, distribute articles, cases and photocopy materials in class or by email or place other materials on reserve or at the library for your use.

III. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

I will make reading assignments and give discussion problems for most classes, and I will expect you to complete these assignments before class and participate in class discussions. You should also reflect on each problem and simulation, and participate in each feedback session. During the semester, I may distribute to the class problems relevant to current discussions, for in-class consideration. There will be a take-home final exam.

The final course grade will be based upon the written take-home final exam and your performance in the class discussions and class participation. You will not be able to contribute to discussion unless you are familiar with the reading and the advance assignments given and you can not participate at all if you do not attend. Attendance is required in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the Student Handbook.

IV. ADA Policy

If you have a disability, or suspect that you may have a disability, the Law School encourages you to contact Jessie Howell, Coordinator, Disability Services in the Office of Disability Services for information about available opportunities, resources, and services. Her phone number is 305-284-9907, and her email address is [disabilityservices@law.miami.edu](mailto:disabilityservices@law.miami.edu).

## V. Academic Integrity Policy

Students are expressly prohibited from recording any part of this course. Meetings of this course might be recorded by the University. Any recordings will be available to students registered for this class as they are intended to supplement the classroom experience. Students are expected to follow appropriate University policies and maintain the security of passwords used to access recorded lectures. Recordings may not be reproduced, shared with those not in the class, or uploaded to other online environments. If the instructor or a University of Miami office plans any other uses for the recordings, beyond this class, students identifiable in the recordings will be notified to request consent prior to such use.

## VI. SCHEDULE

### **Mondays and Wednesdays at 8:00 A.M. to 9:20 A.M.**

#### **U.M. Law School - Room - F 109**

August 23, 2021

Introduction.

Course Requirements.

Class Schedule, Text and Materials.

Admiralty law/Historical Background

August 25, 2021

Jurisdiction

U.S. Authorities-Admiralty Jurisdiction

Navigable Waters-The "Locality" Test

Subject Matter for Maritime Contracts

August 30, 2021

Jurisdiction

Significant Relationships

Executive Jet and the Relationship Test

September 1, 2021

Jurisdiction

Post Executive Jet

Outcomes in Maritime Cases

September 6, 2021

Labor Day Holiday (No Class)

September 8, 2021

Jurisdiction

Relief, Interest, Punitive

Uniformity

September 13, 2021  
Limitation of Liability

September 15, 2021  
Jurisdiction  
Uniformity

September 20, 2021  
Practice  
Rule C Arrests, Rule B Attachment  
Venue

September 22, 2021  
Practice  
Maritime Arbitration  
Government as Defendant

September 27, 2021  
Marine Insurance  
Background and Practice  
The Utmost Good Faith

September 29, 2021  
Marine Insurance  
Seaworthiness  
Liability P & I Insurance  
Pollution Insurance

October 4, 2021  
Maritime Property  
Maritime Liens  
Ship Mortgage Act

October 6, 2021  
Cargo Claims  
Bills of Lading  
Un-seaworthiness of the Vessel

October 6, 2021  
Cargo Claims  
Harter Act/COGSA  
Rotterdam Rules

October 11-15, 2021  
Fall Break (No Class)

October 18, 2021  
Chartering Vessels  
Demise Charters/Time Charters/Voyage Charters

October 20, 2021  
Services, Surveys,  
Pilots & Towage

October 25, 2021  
Persons, Seaman Status

October 27, 2021  
Persons  
Seaman Remedies  
Maintenance & Cure

November 1, 2021  
Jones Act  
Un-seaworthiness

November 3, 2021  
Wage Claims  
Longshore & Harbor Workers Claims

November 8, 2021  
Passenger Claims

November 10, 2019  
Casualties  
Pennsylvania Rule, Contributory Fault  
Rules of the Road, COLREGS

November 15, 2021  
Marine Pollution  
OPA '90 (Exxon Valdez to Deepwater Horizon)

November 17, 2021  
Salvage Claims

November 22, 2021  
Salvage Awards  
Historic Shipwrecks

November 23 - 27, 2021  
Thanksgiving Break (No class)

November 29, 2021  
General Average  
Limits of Liability

December 1, 2021  
Review

December 6 - 15, 2021  
Exam Period

Final Exam will be an open book/open note, take-home exam administered through the school take-home system.

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NOTE:

Schedule subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, "whims of the court", weather, sickness, current events, or other acts beyond our control (much like the practice of law). MRK

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