General Information

Course Materials: The materials for this course consist of:

1. Ronald J. Mann, Payment Systems and Other Financial Transactions (5th ed. 2011) [Mann]; and

Attendance and Preparation Policy: Consistent with the School of Law’s attendance policy (see http://www.law.washington.edu/Students/Academics/Attendance.aspx), I expect you to attend class regularly. Beginning on Monday, July 25th, if you miss more than 20% of the regularly scheduled class sessions (i.e., more than two class sessions), you will be administratively withdrawn from the course. Please note that a cancelled class session will not constitute an absence for purposes of the attendance policy.

In furtherance of my expectations and requirements regarding class attendance, an attendance sheet will be made available at the podium before the start of each class session. In no event will class begin prior to the regularly scheduled time of 9:00 a.m. Should you arrive late, please sign the attendance sheet at the end of class. It is your responsibility to sign the attendance sheet. Failure to do so will constitute an absence. Also, it is incumbent upon you to keep track of your absences throughout the quarter. I will not tally them until the quarter has ended. Unless you expressly request to know whether you are in jeopardy of violating the attendance and preparation policy, no warning will be forthcoming.

Laptop Use: If you use a laptop computer in class, you may use it only for class-related purposes—for example, taking notes and viewing material prepared for class. The following are examples of improper laptop use: (1) reading and sending e-mail, (2) instant messaging, (3) accessing the internet, and (4) playing games. This list is intended to be illustrative and not exhaustive.

Cell Phones: If you bring a cell phone to class, please make certain that it has been turned off.
**Video and Audio Class Recordings:** Video and audio recording of my classes will **not** be offered for this course. Furthermore, I will not approve any ad-hoc requests for recording of an individual class session. If you miss a class session, you should obtain notes for that session from a classmate. You may also, of course, schedule an appointment with me to discuss the material that was covered during the missed session. In the event that a make-up class is scheduled, I will make arrangements for the session to be recorded. **Finally, you may not record any class session using your own equipment (e.g., computer, cassette recorder).**

**Disability-Related Needs:** To request academic accommodations due to a disability, please contact Disability Resources for Students (DRS), 448 Schmitz, (206) 543-8924 (V), (206) 543-8925 (TTY). If you have a letter from DRS, please present the letter to me to discuss the accommodations that you might need in this course.

**Grading and Final Exam:** Grades will be based solely upon an anonymous, in-class examination administered at the end of the quarter. The only material you may bring to the exam is an **unannotated copy** of **COMPREHENSIVE COMMERCIAL LAW: 2010 STATUTORY SUPPLEMENT** (Ronald J. Mann, Elizabeth Warren & Jay Lawrence Westbrook eds.) or a substitute statutory supplement for which you have sought approval from me prior to the exam. If any notation exists in your copy of the statutory supplement, you will either (1) have to forego its use, or (2) have to bring an unannotated copy to the exam. Mere underlining, highlighting and flagging is acceptable and will not be considered notation.

**Office Availability:** My office is Room 340. Substantive questions will **not** be answered by e-mail or telephone. Should you have such questions, you must schedule an appointment with me. Requests to meet can be directed to my e-mail address, which is [pardo@uw.edu](mailto:pardo@uw.edu), and will be accommodated to the extent possible.
**Assignments**

You are responsible for **all** assigned material in the casebook. You are also responsible for any statutory references that appear in the material. To that end, you are expected to read the statutory supplement thoroughly. Except as otherwise indicated, all references to UCC Article 1 should be directed to the **revised version** of Article 1.

The casebook is structured by problem sets. Each class session will be devoted to answering the questions set forth in the problem set that corresponds to the topic assigned for that day, unless otherwise announced. In the event that a later assignment is omitted to permit greater coverage of earlier material, an announcement will be made in class. Your preparation for class should include a rigorous analysis of each of the assigned problems. You will be expected to provide detailed answers (1) that analyze the cited statutory provisions and (2) that set forth the precise statutory language that resolves the issues presented.

I. **CHECKING ACCOUNTS AS THE PARADIGM PAYMENT SYSTEM**

   A. **The Basic Checking Relationship and the Bank’s Right to Pay Checks**
      
      • Mann 3-23
      • **Problem Set 1**

   B. **The Bank’s Obligation to Pay Checks**
      
      • Mann 26-42
      • **Problem Set 2**

   C. **Collection of Checks**
      
      • Mann 89-124
      • **Problem Set 5:** Problems 5.1-5.6

   D. **Risk of Loss in the Checking System**
      
      1. **The Basic Framework**
         
         • Mann 45-58
         • UCC §§ 3-301, 1-201(b)(21)(A)
         • **Problem Set 3:** Problems 3.1-3.7
2. **Special Rules**

- Mann 61-87, 128-37
- Problem Set 4
- Problem Set 6: Problem 6.6

II. **Negotiability**

A. **Negotiable Instruments**

- Mann 465-81
- Problem Set 22: Problems 22.1, 22.3-22.5

B. **Transfer and Enforcement of Negotiable Instruments**

- Mann 484-502
- Problem Set 23

C. **Holders in Due Course**

- Mann 505-79
- Problem Set 24