SYLLABUS

COURSE; 5297 – Financial Statement Analysis and Business Practices for Lawyers

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Text: Financial Statements by Thomas R. Ittelson
(Obtain paperback edition from Amazon)

Course Summary:

Financial Statement Analysis and Business Practices for Lawyer is a graduate level course that will cover introductory and advanced financial reporting and analysis. Study in this course will include the introduction to the mechanics of financial account, the construction of the financial statement, reporting and analysis of financial information and in depth study of business and accounting principles and procedures. Certain other business, financial and ethical practices will be included.

The reporting of the financial and operating results of the business entity through the financial statements is a major objective of any company or organization. This course will give the student knowledge of the reporting requirements of public companies, how the information in the financial statements is used and analyzed and how the information is accounted for and derived in the form of financial statements. Also addressed will be methods of using financial statement information as decision makers in evaluating companies and how lawyers might use this information in their practices.

General topic areas will be covered as follows (generally will follow the text):

Financial Statements – Structure, Format and Vocabulary
Transactions and Financial Accounting
Financial Statement Construction and Accounting
Business Expansion: Strategy, Risk and Capital
Capital Investment Decision Making

Grades: Grades will be based on two quizzes and a financial statement analysis project. Class participation will be an important subjective part of the grade.