## LEGAL STATUS OF THE EMPLOYER, COMPETITION LAW AND GENERAL THEORY OF SECURITIES (Commercial Law I)

## PROGRAM

Topic 1. Basis concept and sources of commercial law

- 1. Historical development of commercial law
- 2. Concept and content of commercial law
- 3. The sources of commercial law
- 4. The economic constitution: freedom of enterprise
- 5. The commercial court

Item 2. The employer and its legal status

- 1. The concept of entrepreneur and business classes
- 2. The trader or individual entrepreneur according to the Commercial Code
- 3. Prohibitions and incompatibilities for the exercise of commercial activity
- 4. The exercise of commercial activity by married person
- 5. The legal status of the commercial entrepreneur
- 6. The responsibility of the employer: against consumers and against nonusers
- 7. The limitation of the employer's responsibility
- 8. representation in commercial law: assistants and employees of the employer

Item 3. Legal status of accounting and the Commercial Register

- 1. Function, protected interests and nature of accounting regulation
- 2. Evolution of Spanish and European accounting law
- 3. The keeping of accounting books
- 4. The annual accounts: accounting principles, advertising and review
- 5. The audit

6. Introduction to Commercial Register: registration system and basic principles of land registration

- 7. Organization of RM and registration procedure
- 8. registrable Subject: Registration and publication
- 9. The advertising material: the effects on third parties

Item 4. The company and business on the same

- 1. Approach to the concept of company business and commercial establishment
- 2. The company as an object of legal business: general issues
- 3. The sale of company
- 4. leasing company
- 5. The usufruct company
- 6. The chattel mortgage company
- 7. mortis causes Company

Item 5. Competition Law I: free competition

1. The principle of freedom of competition, obstacles and their protection: free enterprise

- 2. Competition and market: relevant market and market power
- 3. European competition law: evolution and influence in the Spanish Law
- 4. Spanish Law: prohibited conduct
- 5. Conducts not prohibited or permitted
- 6. Control of economic concentrations
- 7. Public aid to companies
- 8. Organs of competition
- 9. Procedure and sanctions against prohibited conduct

Item 6. Competition Law II: unfair competition and advertising law

1. The new law unfair competition: the reform of the LCD LGP 1991 and 1988 by Law 29/2009

2. The dual structure of the new legal regime of unfair competition: unfair acts with consumers and unfair acts between entrepreneurs or professionals

- 3. The general conditions of unfair competition
- 4. disloyal acts against other entrepreneurs or professionals
- 5. disloyal acts against consumers

6. Commercial advertising: between freedom of expression and freedom of enterprise

- 7. Legal Cases of illegal advertising: contrary to the dignity of the person, misleading,
- unfair, aggressive, subliminally, and contrary to certain specific rules
- 8. Lawsuits against acts of unfair competition

Item 7. Industrial Property Law I: patents, utility models and industrial designs

- 1. Introduction: Law of intellectual property and industrial property law
- 2. Patent Law: Concept and requirements for patentability
- 3. Content of the right to the patent: claims
- 4. Infringement of patent law: the doctrine of equivalents
- 5. Duties of holder: obligation to operate and compulsory license
- 6. Special Patents: semiconductor products, biotechnological inventions and plant varieties
- 7. The utility model: concept and legal system
- 8. Right of industrial design: concept and requirements
- 9. Industrial design and fashion creations: Special issue
- 10. Industrial design registered
- 11. Industrial Design unregistered

Item 8. Industrial Property Law II: distinctive signs

- 1. Introduction to Trademark Law: brand concept and exemplary catalog
- 2. Birth of trademark rights
- 3. Prohibitions registration: absolute and relative
- 4. The likelihood of confusion (and partnership)
- 5. The known and famous trademarks
- 6. prohibendi ius: the exhaustion of trademark rights

- 7. Obligation to use the mark
- 8. Nullity brand: acquiescence
- 9. Approach to the international trademark law
- 10. Other distinctive signs

Item 9. General Theory of securities

1. Introduction: historical evolution, functionality, crisis, concept and function of the general theory of securities

- 2. Incorporation of rights to securities: causal and papery obligations obligations
- 3. Properties of securities: possession legitimation, literalism and autonomy
- 4. Basis of the obligation stated in the title value
- 5. Classification of securities
- 6. Documents without title character value
- 7. Electronification of securities

Item 10. Introduction to Insolvency

1. Introduction: concept, principles and purpose informers

2. The budgets of the contest: subjective, objective and formal

3. The organs of the contest: the judge, the bankruptcy administrator and the creditors' meeting

- 4. The effects of competition: on the debtor, creditors, credit and contracts
- 5. The masses of the competition: active and passive
- 6. The solution of the agreement
- 7. The liquidation of the contest
- 8. The qualification of the competition and its effects
- 9. The conclusion and the reopening of competition

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