COMMERCIAL PAPER (Day Section) Spring 2014: Professor Byrne

Initial Assignment

1. **Syllabus.** The Syllabus describes the plan of study and the required materials for this course. It is available on the TWEN site for this course and on the GMUSL site.

2. **Required Materials.** Required Texts are:


   - *Commercial and Debtor-Creditor law: Selected Statutes* (Foundation Press 2013) [or a workable alternative].


   The statutory supplement can be obtained from the bookstore. The casebook and ABCs volume can be obtained from the Institute of International Banking Law & Practice in order to save the significant additional charges imposed by the bookstore. The assignment for the first class will be available on the TWEN site.

3. **TWEN.** You must sign up for this course on TWEN before the first class. All communications will be sent via this system.

4. **Assignment for First Class.** The first session will occur on Monday 6 January 2014 from 11:30 AM to 1:45 P.M. The assignment is to read and to be prepared to discuss Chapter 1 of the *Negotiability*. The text of Chapter 1 is posted on TWEN. If you cannot access Chapter 1, please email me at jbyrne@iiblp.org.

   **Note:** The assignment will appear challenging chiefly because the cases are either dated cases on assignment prior to the Uniform Commercial Code or early Common Law decisions. The purpose of this chapter is to provide students with a conceptual background to the doctrine of negotiability, namely the contractual antecedents in the law of assignment and the historical evolution of the doctrine of negotiability. Since many Contracts course omit assignment and delegation, this segment will be useful for the Bar and later practice. The historical cases are hard to read but worth the effort. Do not stress if you cannot follow them completely. We will discuss them in class.

5. **Subsequent Assignments.** The tentative assignments for the subsequent classes will be posted on the TWEN site.

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