COMMERCIAL PAPER (Day Section) FALL 2015: 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. Information on ordering *Negotiability* and the *ABCs* is posted on the course TWEN site under Assignments & Announcements.

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

4. **Assignment for Classes 1, 2, and 3 and Drafting Assignment.**

   a. The first session will occur on Thursday 20 August 2015 from 1:30 PM to 3:45 P.M. The assignment is to read and to be prepared to discuss pages 1 – 11 of 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.

   b. The second section will meet on Tuesday 25 August 2015 from 1:30 PM to 3:45 PM and cover the balance of Chapter 1 and Chapter 2.

   c. A Drafting Exercise contained on the TWEN site is due at midnight on Wednesday 26 August 2015. See the TWEN site for details.

   d. The class scheduled for Thursday 27 August 2015 will complete Chapter 2 and discuss the Drafting Exercise.
e. The assignments and schedule for subsequent classes will be posted on the TWEN course site.

**Note:** The initial assignment will review Contracts II. It may 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 completely in class.

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