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**Management Degree**

**Business Law - 2nd year, 1st semester**

**Objectives**

The student should understand the concept and types of company distinguishing commercial from non-commercial companies. With regard to commercial partnership companies, should assimilate the basic rules of administration and operation, the mergers and the acquisition processes and situations where and why a company goes into bankruptcy. On the other hand, is preponderant to understand the limits of companies actuations particularly with regard to the rules of competition and industrial property.

**Syllabus**

1. Object of Business Law. Companies - Concept and Types

1.1 Concept and object of Commercial/Business Law

1.2 Commercial acts

1.3 The concept of trader and their main obligations

1.4The concept of company and company types

* 1. The commercial establishment

1. Commercial Partnership Companies in Portugal

2.1 Private limited companies and public limited companies – main characteristics.

2.2 The Civil Law partnership companies in commercial form

2.3 Share capital, asset and reserves

2.4 Partners rights and obligations

2.5 Organizational structure and governance models – The corporate governance

2.6 Governing bodies’ liability

* 1. Partners deliberations

1. Mergers and Acquisitions

3.1 Concept and distinction

3.2 Classification

3.3 Reasons and advantages of M&A

* 1. Types

4. Some Notes About Bankruptcy/Insolvency

4.1 Bankruptcy/Insolvency concept

4.2 The duty to apply for bankruptcy/insolvency

4.3 Bankruptcy/insolvency declaration effects

4.4 Culpable bankruptcy/insolvency

4.5 The role of the bankruptcy/insolvency administrator

* 1. Special process of revitalization

1. A Brief Study of Competition Law

5.1 Companies and Competition

5.2 Competence restrictive practices

5.3 Benefits of the complainants to the Competition Authority for violations of Competition Law committed by themselves

* 1. Competition Authority powers

1. Industrial Law – Trademarks and Patents

6.1 Concept and object of Industrial Law

6.2 Patents

6.3 Utility Models

6.4 Trademarks

6.5 Logos

6.6 Transmission, Licensing and Merchandising

6.7 Unfair Competition

**Assessment**

The assessment comprises two components:

The first with a 10% weight entails the participation and commitment of students in the classroom context; the second concerns the completion of a written test on the last day of classes with a weight of 90%.

Bibliography

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