

## **CONT 136**

### **Construction Contracts and Related Law**

3 Credits (3 Lecture hours per week)

Community College of Baltimore County  
Common Course Outline

#### **Description**

**CONT 136 – Construction Contracts and Related Law:** Involves the study of legal factors associated with the business operations of a construction company; includes a practical approach to the law as it relates to such topics as contracts, intra professional relationships, payments, bonds, liens, labor laws, joint ventures, and an introduction to specifications, insurance, and governmental regulations. Offered fall semesters only

#### **Overall Course Objectives**

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Explain the basic elements of a contract in order to be able to create legally binding agreements;
2. Identify the difference between ordinary commercial contracts and construction contracts;
3. Identify tort, contract, and criminal liability arising out of construction projects;
4. Analyze submissions of a bid for government work in order to be responsive;
5. Evaluate the insurance policy to protect the owner/general contractor;
6. Analyzing ways to protect the project from mechanics liens;
7. Identify different ways of collecting contract payments through mechanics liens and bond claims;
8. Analyze which type of construction agreement is appropriate for a particular project/situation;
9. Assess how to avoid construction disputes;
10. Analyze and write various remedies granting clauses in one's favor; and
11. Analyze a factual situation and chose a course of action to achieve the best result under the circumstances.

#### **Major Topics**

- I. Contracts
- II. Bidding procedures
- III. Remedy granting clauses in construction contracts
- IV. Mechanics liens
- V. Bond claims
- VI. Dispute avoidance
- VII. Dispute resolution

#### **Course Requirements**

Grading will be determined by the individual faculty member, but shall include the following, at minimum:

The Common Course Outline (CCO) determines the essential nature of each course.  
For more information, see your professor's syllabus.

- Homework
- Projects
- Mid term
- Term paper/oral report
- Classwork
- Team project
- Quizzes
- Final exam
- There will be a minimum of 8 graded assignments

Written assignments and research projects: Students are required to use appropriate academic resources in their research and cite sources according to the style selected by their professor.

### **Other Course Information**

This course is core course.

This course is taught in a computerized environment.

This course is the first course in a required two-course sequence.

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