



Welcome to MBA501 Legal Environment of Business!

I am Joan McFadden and will be your guide for the next 8 weeks of this course. The course officially begins May 19, 2008 and ends July 11, 2008, so it will be fast-paced and intense – be sure to keep up with the weekly readings! The required text for the course is The Legal, Ethical, and Regulatory Environment of Business, 8th Edition, by Bruce D. Fisher and Michael J. Phillips (West Legal Studies in Business, 2004).

Each week, in addition to the assigned readings, you will be required to submit a written assignment as well as participate in at least one online (“threaded”) discussion. Although you must participate in the discussions for a portion of your grade, you will not be required to be online at any particular time during the day or evening. Your online work and posts therefore can be made in accordance with your own daily schedule.

When you log in to your discussion group, you will see that all of the postings will be in chronological order as the course progresses. When submitting your answer to a discussion question, you should open the initial discussion question from the instructor and reply to that post. If you are responding to a comment made by someone else in the “thread,” or if you are asking a question regarding someone else’s comment, open his or her comment and reply to that message. This will keep the thread postings in logical order so that they will be easier to follow and read.

Be sure to stop in and introduce yourself in the Discussion Group for Week One!

In an effort to keep this welcome letter short, other administrative business will be covered and explained in the syllabus and course site. If you have any specific questions or concerns, please feel free to email me either through the course shell or at my “outside” email at jwm_marist@verizon.net.

Again, welcome to Legal Environment of Business. I look forward to working with you in the following weeks, and I hope it will be an enjoyable and rewarding experience for all.

Best regards,

Joan McFadden