

AJ 135 Syllabus

AJ 135 Economic/White-Collar Crime. Code: 00235

Instructor: Frank Dudley Berry, Jr. MH 520. 5:30–8:15 Mondays

Description: This course will examine crimes committed by persons in positions of trust in abuse of that trust. Particular emphasis will be placed on crimes pertinent to 'Silicon Valley' technology companies – securities fraud, intellectual property theft, antitrust, etc. Special attention will be paid to specific problems in investigation and prosecution of white collar criminal activity.

Texts: (1) *Trusted Criminals*, (2) *Den of Thieves*, Stewart; and (3) *Bankers*, Martin Mayer

Office Hours: MH 527, Monday 4:30 – 5:30.

Grading: Two short papers (1,000 words maximum), 25%; one midterm examination, 25%; final examination, 50%. Form and content of examination to be determined. One additional paper may be submitted for additional credit, with consent of the instructor.

Attendance will be taken at each session. Class participation will be considered with respect to applications for extra credit.

The class schedule follows on the next page.

Class Schedule

- August 28th – Course Introduction. Definitions of white-collar crime. Purpose of criminal sanctions. *Trusted Criminals*, pgs. 1-34. Begin reading *Den of Thieves*.
- September 4th – Holiday.
- September 11th – Enforcement Agencies. Task forces. Problems in investigation and prosecution. *Trusted Criminals*, pgs. 34-64, 270-317.
- September 18th – Sentencing. Collateral and civil sanctions. *Trusted Criminals*, pgs 317-360.
- September 25th – Corporate Crime. Government Crimes. *Trusted Criminals*, pgs 65-95.
- October 2nd – Occupational Crime, embezzlement in particular. Auditing standards. Accounting practices. *Trusted Criminals*, pgs 95-121. Finish *Den of Thieves*.
- October 9th – Holiday.
- October 16th – Financial Crimes (Securities). *Den of Thieves*, *Trusted Criminals*, pgs 153-175. First paper due. Begin *The Bankers*.
- October 23rd - Financial crimes (concluded). Midterm examination.
- October 30th – Cybercrime. Trade secrets and proprietary information. *Trusted Criminals*, pgs 175-182
- November 6th – Trade secrets; specific problems in investigation and prosecution.
- November 13th – Organized and Entrepreneurial Crime. *Trusted Criminals*, pgs 182-211.
- November 20th – Explaining White Collar Crime. Kleptocracies. Sociopathic societies, e.g., Nazi Germany. *Trusted Criminals*, pgs 211-241.
- November 27th – Financial Crimes (Banking). The Savings and Loan debacle. Finish *The Bankers*.
- December 4th – Antitrust violations. Anti-competitive practices. History; Standard Oil, Microsoft,
- December 11th – Review. Law and lawmaking. Cultural factors revisited. *Trusted Criminals*, pgs 242-270.
- December 18th – Final.