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Textbook Name:

Foundations of Business Law and Legal Environment



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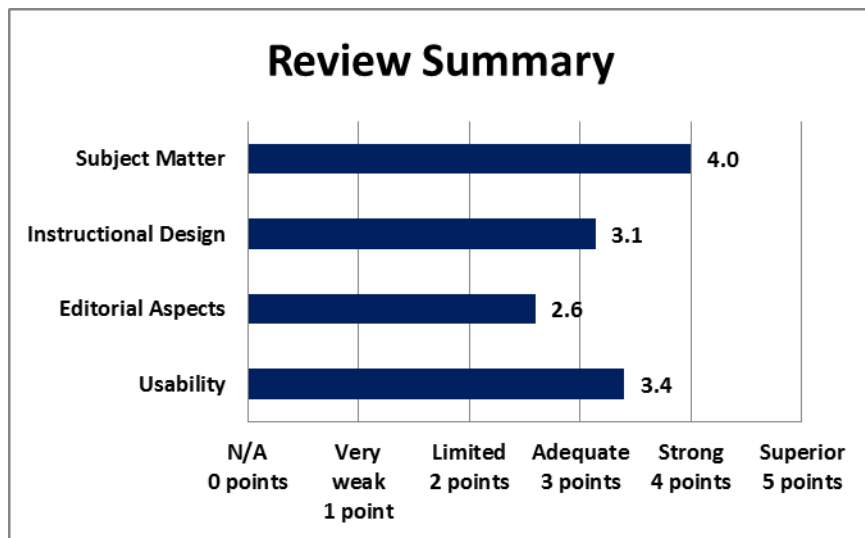
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California OER Council eTextbook Evaluation Rubric

CA Course ID: [BUS 120](#)

Subject Matter (30 possible points)	N/A (0 pts)	Very Weak (1pt)	Limited (2 pts)	Adequate (3pts)	Strong (4 pts)	Superior (5 pts)
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Is the content accurate, error-free, and unbiased?					X	
Does the text adequately cover the designated course with a sufficient degree of depth and scope?						X
Does the textbook use sufficient and relevant examples to present its subject matter?				X		
Does the textbook use a clear, consistent terminology to present its subject matter?					X	
Does the textbook reflect current knowledge of the subject matter?					X	
Does the textbook present its subject matter in a culturally sensitive manner? (e.g. Is the textbook free of offensive and insensitive examples? Does it include examples that are inclusive of a variety of races, ethnicities, and backgrounds?)					X	

Total Points: 24 out of 30

Please provide comments on any aspect of the subject matter of this textbook:

- The book covers the required subject matter for a transfer-level Legal Environment of Business Course. There are a total of 32 chapters, which makes it easy for instructors to choose the content relevant to their course.

Instructional Design (35 possible points)	N/A (0 pts)	Very Weak (1pt)	Limited (2 pts)	Adequate (3pts)	Strong (4 pts)	Superior (5 pts)
Does the textbook present its subject materials at appropriate reading levels for undergrad use?					X	
Does the textbook reflect a consideration of different learning styles? (e.g. visual, textual?)			X			
Does the textbook present explicit learning outcomes aligned with the course and curriculum?					X	
Is a coherent organization of the textbook evident to the reader/student?					X	
Does the textbook reflect best practices in the instruction of the designated course?				X		
Does the textbook contain sufficient effective ancillary materials? (e.g. test banks, individual and/or group activities or exercises, pedagogical apparatus, etc.)		X				
Is the textbook searchable?					X	

Total Points: 22 out of 35

Please provide comments on any aspect of the instructional design of this textbook:

- There is no printed table of contents included at the beginning of the text file; however, a current pdf reader will create the linked table of contents.
- The text is well designed with key concepts and learning objectives listed at the beginning of each chapter and subchapter.
- Practice worksheets, internet examples, and other asides from the text are highlighted and formatted appropriately.
- Each subchapter ends with key takeaways and exercises. Answer keys to the self-tests are provided directly after the questions.
- Images are used sparingly; there are a few graphs and other visual aids to illustrate concepts when appropriate.

Editorial Aspects (25 possible points)	N/A (0 pts)	Very Weak (1pt)	Limited (2 pts)	Adequate (3pts)	Strong (4 pts)	Superior (5 pts)
Is the language of the textbook free of grammatical, spelling, usage, and typographical errors?					X	
Is the textbook written in a clear, engaging style?				X		
Does the textbook adhere to effective principles of design? (e.g. are pages laid out and organized to be clear and visually engaging and effective? Are colors, font, and typography consistent and unified?)			X			
Does the textbook include conventional editorial features? (e.g. a table of contents, glossary, citations and further references)				X		
How effective are multimedia elements of the textbook?		X				

(e.g. graphics, animations, audio)						
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Total Points: 13 out of 25

Please provide comments on any editorial aspect of this textbook.

- The text is well-written and provides an in-depth exploration of the necessary topics.
- The lack of images and active learning elements may hinder learning for some students.

Usability (25 possible points)	N/A (0 pts)	Very Weak (1pt)	Limited (2 pts)	Adequate (3pts)	Strong (4 pts)	Superior (5 pts)
Is the textbook compatible with standard and commonly available hardware/software in college/university campus student computer labs?					X	
Is the textbook accessible in a variety of different electronic formats? (e.g. .txt, .pdf, .epub, etc.)				X		
Can the textbook be printed easily?					X	
Does the user interface implicitly inform the reader how to interact with and navigate the textbook?				X		
How easily can the textbook be annotated by students and instructors?				X		

Total Points: 17 out of 25

Please provide comments on any aspect of access concerning this textbook.

- The book is mainly text, which provides for accessibility. The few images within the text are not described in a text format, but this may not hinder access as there are very few images.

Overall Ratings	Not at all (0 pts)	Very Weak (1 pt)	Limited (2 pts)	Adequate (3 pts)	Strong (4 pts)	Superior (5 pts)
What is your overall impression of the textbook?				X		
How willing would you be to adopt this book?	Not at all (0 pts)	Strong reservations (1 pt)	Limited willingness (2 pts)	Willing (3 pts)	Strongly willing (4 pts)	Enthusiastically willing (5 pts)
				X		

Total Points: 6 out of 10

Overall Comments

If you were to recommend this textbook to colleagues, what merits of the textbook would you highlight?

- The textbook includes 32 chapters, offering a comprehensive overview of the subject. Instructors have the flexibility to choose the topics that meet the needs of the course.

What areas of this textbook require improvement in order for it to be used in your courses?

- The addition of supplemental materials such as test banks, instructional materials such as PowerPoint files, and suggested answers for case questions would be helpful.
- The addition of relevant images and links to current events and articles on the web would make this a better textbook.

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