Text: Barry R. Furrow, et al., Health Law (7th Edition, 2013), or, optionally, Barry R. Furrow, et al., Law and Health Care: Quality, Patient Safety, and Medical Liability (7th Edition, 2013). If you are taking Professor Massie’s Bioethics or my Health Care Organization and Finance course, you come out ahead buying the hardbound Health Law book, if you are purchasing the book. If you are just taking this class, you will come out ahead financially by just buying the paperback Quality, Safety, and Liability book, if you are purchasing the book. I have made copies of these books available for free on a first-come, first served basis. Check with Linda Johnson to see if copies are available.

Examination: The examination will consist of two to four essay questions. Examples of essay questions that I have used from previous years will be on reserve in the library. Coverage varies from year to year, however, so if some of the material on the earlier exams seems unfamiliar, it probably is. The examination will be an 8 hour take home. The word count for the exam will be limited. It will be open book in the sense that you can use your casebook, your notes, and any supplementary material handed out in class. You will not be able to do online research during the examination or refer to any other sources.

Class attendance and participation: You are expected to attend class each day and to be prepared to participate. This is a very small class, and participation by every student is necessary to make the most of the experience. I expect (or at least hope) that most of you will be interviewing this fall, but please schedule your interviews so as not to conflict with class time. If you must be absent, please let me know. Having said that, I must confess that I will not be able to be here on October 2 and November 7 because of long-standing commitments to speak at conferences. I will reschedule these classes.

I also expect that you will be prepared every day. If you cannot be prepared for class on a particular day, please let me know before the beginning of the period. You will not be penalized for lack of preparation if you let me know before class, and if you do not abuse this privilege. If you are not prepared for class when called on, or if you fail to regularly attend class, your grade may be reduced. If you are persistently absent from class, you will be dropped from the class. If you attend regularly and participate regularly, your grade may be adjusted upward.

Grades: Your grade will be based on the final exam. Your grade may be modified to reflect participation and attendance. Grades will be consistent with the grading curve currently in use at W&L.

Coverage: Time permitting, we will cover parts of chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 in the big book and in the paperback. For the first class, read pages 27-56 in the hardbound book or 20-49 in the paperback. We will cover about 15 -20 pages per class session.