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Subject: Polish Civil Law

The Polish Civil Law governs the civil law relations between natural and legal persons. It consists substantive law and procedural law. The aim of the course is to acquaint students with the general principles of the Polish Civil Law and with the provisions of "The Civil Code" (substantive law). The objective of the lecture is to introduce foreign students to the structure and the institutions of the Polish Civil Law. The course also aims at providing foreign students with some practical information they will need, if and when they deal with Polish law in the professional context of providing legal advice to their foreign clients, and when they cooperate with their Polish counsel.

Learning Outcomes:

- General Provisions
 - Natural persons
 - Legal persons (legal personality, organization of legal persons, functions of bodies, effects of no authorization)
 - Entrepreneurs and their designations (concept of entrepreneur, distinction of business name)
 - Legal capacity a capacity for legal acts (age of majority, full capacity for legal acts, no capacity for legal acts, full legal incapacitation, limited capacity for legal acts)
 - Protection of personal interests and means of protection
 - Domicile of a natural person
 - Property (concept, thing, real estate, agricultural real estate, concept of enterprise, acts regarding enterprises, acquirer's liability for obligations)
 - Legal acts (form of legal acts, defects of declaration of intentions, condition)
 - Representation (concept, form, basis of authorization, types of power of attorney, concept of commercial proxy, form, joint commercial proxy, branch commercial proxy, expiry of commercial proxy)
 - Period (period in days, months, calculation of month, year,
 - Limitation of claim (concept, periods, no changed, suspension, interruption, periods after court decision)
- Ownership and other rights (outline)
 - Ownership
 - Perpetual usufruct
 - Limited real rights
 - possession
- Obligations (outline)
 - General provisions on contractual obligation
 - Unjust enrichment
 - Tort
 - Performance of obligations and effects of non-performance
- Succession (outline)
 - Statutory succession
 - Dispositions mortis causa

- Legitim
- Acceptance and rejection of succession

By the end of the course students should have:

- A good understanding of the basic principles of the Polish Civil Law
- A good knowledge of the structure of “The Civil Code”

Workload:

Forms of study: self-study, lecture, discussion sessions, case study; regular lecture will not be provided.

Requisite and incompatibility

General knowledge in the scope of principles of the Polish Civil Law, in particular – “The Civil Code”.

Obligatory Reading

“The Civil Code” (English version)

Examination

Students will work on a task to solve a particular legal problem concerning Polish Civil Law, as described by the teacher.

Language of the course

English