

Credit Law Review

Objective 4.01

Understand financial, credit, and
bankruptcy law.

Blawgging Assignment

- Scenario:
 - You have a law firm. On your website, you have a section where people can ask for free law advice. You call this section “Blawgging”. Of the hundreds of questions, you only answer 10 questions for free.
 - For each blawgger, write the LAW that was violated. You need to be prepared to give the class explanation of your answer.

Client #1: Jason

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- Hey, I got my credit card statement. I was charged for a hotel room in the Chicago for \$12,980, **AND** in-room movies for \$140, **PLUS** room service for \$2,980. I have never been to Chicago, nor would I ever pay this much for a hotel stay. What should I do? Is there a law that can protect me?

Client # 2: Isabela

Isabela

- Hola. Mi nombre es Isabela Malita Armendarez. Tengo 22 años y tengo solamente una tarjeta de crédito. I applied for a home loan and I think I was turned down porque yo soy latina. I am a successful model (I made about \$800,000 last year). I do have a slight accent, but I speak five different languages. What are my rights in this situation? Adios.

Client # 3: Drew

Drew

- Dude, check out this situation. So like I owe a credit card company like \$87,000 and I have like \$98,700 in student loans. I am applying for a job as a financial manager at Bank of America. Dude, do you think BOA will find out about my debt? That might seriously hurt my chances, huh.

Client # 4: Jennifer

Jennifer

- I am a Caucasian female. Well, I am technically 1/32th Native American. Any-who, I just applied for a home loan for \$489,000. I think I was denied because of my gender and ethnicity. I make \$15,000 a year as a part-time yoga instructor and barista. Do I have a case?

Client # 5: Jasmine

Jasmine

- I am a sophomore at a small college in Florida. I NEED a credit card. There is so much that I want to buy – shoes, clothes, games, posters, and maybe even trips to Miami Beach!!!! I am 19 years old. My roommate said that I needed my parents help to get a credit card. WHY? That makes no sense. Please explain!

Client # 6: Patrick

Patrick

- I have not paid my cable bill in four months. I don't feel like driving to a Red Box and Netflix seems too "sketch", so I just get all my movies On-Demand for \$3.99 each. I watch about 10 to 15 movies a week. My bill is well over \$2,000. Time Warner sent me a letter threatening to discontinue my service if I don't pay! Also, they called me three times in four months. I feel harassed! What are my rights? Gotta go. The pizza guy is here...

Client # 7: Chris

I am living it up! Check out my ride...

I have a nice bachelor pad...

Oh, and I have tons of amazing
friends!

Chris

- I have a two closets full of Armani suits and Gucci shoes.
- My apartment is furnished with the finest designer furniture and I only drink out of Waterford crystal glasses.
- I got a secret though...

Chris

- Don't tell the ladies, but I am dead BROKE! My monthly rent and car payment total \$6,050. My credit cards are maxed out at \$125,980. We don't even want to talk about the student loan that I have for \$60,900. Bottom line...I am broke. What can I do?

Questions #8, 9, and 10

- For questions 8, 9, and 10, you are going to write a blawg response to the clients.



How to format your answer...

Dear Jessie,

Opening sentence should convey sympathy and understanding for their problem. **Second sentence** should clearly explain how their rights were violated – You must include the law and highlight this term. If the scenario is about bankruptcy, tell them which chapter to file and why.

Concluding sentence.

Sincerely/Best Regards/Truly/Keep Your Head Up...

Your Name

Client # 8: Dama Family

Client #8: The Dama Family

- For the past five years, my family has owned and operated 20 upscale chain Indian restaurants, **Haute Cuisine of India**, throughout southern Virginia and North Carolina. The average entrée at our restaurants costs \$75. Unfortunately, we have not made a profit in 2 ½ years. What is our best option to stay in business?



Client # 9 and 10: Micco

#9: Micco (Part 1)

- I applied for a job with the CIA a few months ago, but I was turned down. They said, “Sorry, your credit is bad.” When I asked for a detailed explanation, the Human Resource Representative told me that she did not have to tell me anything further. Is this right? Don’t I the right to know?

#10: Micco (Part 2)

- Also, I applied for a home loan a few weeks ago. I got approved for the loan, but the interest is 34.99%. My brother got a loan from the same bank, and his interest is only 4.25%. Is this right?