

# **CRONOGRAMA DO CURSO – US LEGAL ENGLISH – KEY CONCEPTS OF THE AMERICAN FEDERAL AND JUDICIAL SYSTEM**

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Conograma/ Schedule (in English)

## **First Month – An Overview of the American Judicial System**

First week – The US Common Law System – Primary and Secondary Sources.

Second week – The Constitution and Government.

Third week – An overview of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Branch.

Fourth week – US Congressional authority vs. state rights – the Commerce Clause.

## **Second Month – Amendments to the Constitution, US Administrative Law, Regulatory Agencies, Labor and Employment, Civil Rights**

First week – Bill of Rights and other Amendments to the Constitution.

Second week – Federal Regulatory Agencies and US Administrative Law

Third week – US Labor Law, US Employment Law, Collective Bargaining Agreements, Union Labor Practices.

Fourth week – Civil Rights Act, Voting Rights Acts, Fair Labor Standards Acts (FLSA), and other employment and antidiscrimination protections.

## **Third Month – US Civil Courts, Torts, Contracts, Filing a Lawsuit**

First week – Civil Courts and Procedures.

Second week – Torts – General and Intentional Torts, Negligence and Strict Liability.

Third week – US Contracts – General Elements.

Fourth week – Filing a Lawsuit.

**Fourth Month – Inside the Courtroom and Jury Trials, Trials and Evidence, US Commercial Law and Business Law, Business Regulation and Bankruptcy Law**

First week – Inside the Courtroom and Jury Trials.

Second week – Trials and Evidence.

Third week – US Commercial Law and Business Law.

Fourth week – Business Regulation and Bankruptcy Law.

**Fifth Month – US Intellectual Property, Taxation in the United States, Property, The Use of International Law**

First week – US Intellectual Property.

Second week – Taxation in the United States, Types of Taxes, Federal, State and Municipal Taxes.

Third week – Property, Generally.

Fourth week – The use of International Law in the United States.

**Partial Sources:**

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NOLFI, Edward A. **Legal Terminology Explained**, McGraw-Hill Higher Education.

STONE, Geoffrey R. et al., **Constitutional Law**, Sixth Edition, Aspen Publishers.