

Professor Platt Teacher Evaluation- Spring 2011 Week One

Offshore Financial Centers: Use & Abuse

	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	Average
1				(12)	(30)		4.71
2	I(1)		(6)	(21)	(13)	I(1)	4.10
3	I(1)	(4)	(10)	(14)	(13)		3.81
4				(6)	(35)	I(1)	4.85
5				I(1)	(41)		4.98
6				(7)	(35)		4.83
7			I(1)	(7)	(34)		4.79
8				(7)	(35)		4.83
9			I(1)	(3)	(37)	I(1)	4.88
10				(5)	(37)		4.88
11			(2)	(4)	(20)	(16)	4.69
12			I(1)	(5)	(35)	I(1)	4.83
13				(6)	(36)		4.86
14				(6)	(36)		4.86

1= Strongly Disagree, 2 = Disagree, 3 = Neutral, 4 = Strongly Agree, 5= Not Applicable

Questions

I. Organization and Materials

1. The course was well organized (Average was 4.71)
2. I learned a lot from the reading materials (Average was 4.10)
3. The reading assignments were of appropriate Length (Average was 3.81)
4. The professor covered the course material without disproportionately speeding up at the end (Average was 4.85)

II. Classes and Teaching

5. The instructor had good command of the subject matter of the course (Average was 4.98)
6. I learned a lot in the class sessions that I Attended (Average was 4.83)
7. The instructor stimulated precise thinking by the students (Average was 4.79)
8. The instructor identified and developed pertinent policy and ethical issues (Average was 4.83)
9. The instructor was respectful of different points of view (Average was 4.88)
10. The professor created a learning environment that was hospitable to all students (Average was 4.88)
11. When I sought consultation about this course, the instructor was available and willing to talk to me (Average was 4.69)

III. Overall Evaluation

12. The instructor aside, the subject matter of the course was meaningful and worthwhile (Average was 4.83)
13. The instructor taught the course well (Average was 4.86)
14. I would recommend this professor to other (Average was 4.86)

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VI. Written Comments

1. Comment as specifically as possible about whether the selection and organization of the materials and the emphasis of the instructor were appropriate to achieving the goals of the course.

- The materials and course organization were helpful, especially with a time constrained schedule, the course was still manageable understandable and enjoyable.
- Very relevant
- The selected materials and emphasis of the instructor give a precise and broad understanding of OFCs from different angles.
- The professor did a fantastic job presenting the topic. The week sped by and I learned a lot.
- The material was good but it should have more schemes, to understand better.
- I am very surprised that this is his first time teaching. He seems like a pro-knows the material well, good command of the classroom, keeps the material interesting.
- Materials were very relevant and of appropriate length.
- Perfect for a 1 week seminar.
- Great.
- The course was well structured and we covered a lot of material in a short amount of time. I don't think the smaller textbook was necessary.
- Excellent professor-But course materials could be better organized. Books for class are v. poorly written.
- The course materials were not organized following the syllabus.
- The offshore examples you provided on the last few days of the class were excellent. I particularly enjoyed how you divided them into particular subject matter. (Insider trading, evading OFAC).
- I liked the course and enjoyed Prof. Platt's teaching. The reading could have been more direct and technical.
- I think the material was appropriate, although I believe Sharman's "Havens in a storm" can be replaced with several other readings on the subject.
- The reading was helpful-but we never reviewed it in class, so it seemed almost irrelevant. It would have been helpful to know if the reading was in fact necessary.
- Very well taught. Very useful examples.
- It would be better to provide course materials of lecture.
- For being just a week long, the course was surprisingly very organized and well taught!
- The materials were relevant to the course content but were not discussed in detail in class.
- The course was very interesting – although at times some of the structures went over my head a little. I still found the material interesting and worthwhile.
- The reading material was pretty worthless. Instructor was great though.
- The reading materials were too long and I often lost focus as to what was most important.
- This was the most interesting course I have ever taken.

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- They were. It's hard to believe this is Prof. Platt's first class.
- Link between reading and class could have been stronger.
- Prof was a nice guy. Subject matter was good. Good OFC examples; would have benefited from 1 or 2 days of more thorough foundational discussion.

2. Comment on the method and quality of the instructor's teaching. Be specific about strengths, weaknesses, teaching techniques, hospitality of the learning environment and any suggestions for improvement.

- Professor Platt is extremely experienced and well versed in the subject matter which created an invigorating class environment.
- Combined experience, practical class and modern issues
- The instructor was very good oral skills and is very skillful at presentation of the subject through the ---- analyst on the chalkboard which is very important to give clear understanding of subject to students.
- He was very engaging, interesting, and open to students' questions/ideas.
- The method was ex position of the material and interaction with students.
- Excellent. Well spoken, good presenter, very knowledgeable.
- Great mix of black letter law and real world examples.
- Should be teaching much more of them. A perfect week one course!
- Professor Platt is a great lecturer who kept the class interested and engaged throughout the week. He is extremely knowledgeable about the subject matter. I would recommend this professor to others without hesitation.
- Excellent professor. Registrar should say at outset if class has exam or paper.
- Very good teacher. Learned a lot about OFCs, trusts and money laundering and the positives and negatives of offshore financial centers.
- An excellent job by this Professor. He boils everything down to be easily understood. He is witty and funny, and that makes the topic ever more palatable. I came into class every day waiting to learn and contribute.
- Fabulous teaching techniques. The speaker made the class highly interesting and fun.
- I think the empirical and academic master of the subject by the professor is remarkable, a combination of deep and updated analysis of OFC's combined with English sense of humor, was just brilliant and I would recommend it to other students.
- The class was well taught, professor is engaging and obviously very knowledgeable on the topic. It was interesting to learn from a practitioner in this area.
- Great examples. Maybe could give some more examples of legitimate uses by corporations and individuals.
- I like the examples and the real life cases.
- By far best Prof I've had at GULC. Would offer him in a heartbeat if I was able to.

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- Good.
- The professor was very engaging and stimulated good discussion.
- The instructor encouraged class participation and provided real life examples to illustrate class materials.
- I was pleasantly surprised to have someone with his depth of knowledge, experience, and humor teach the course. I would advise G-town to bring him back next year.
- Very great professor – fantastic stories!
- The instructor was fabulous! He has an excellent command of the subject matter and taught in an interesting and stimulating way. I loved the use of so many real life examples.
- The professor did an outstanding job. I loved the assignment: “go home and design your own money laundering structure.” The way he engaged the class rivaled every full time law professor I have ever had.
- Tremendous lecturer and facilitator of discussion. Clearly very knowledgeable about the topic. Had a particular bias regarding the “moral” or “ethical” side of the material. Overall, fantastic. I would certainly hope GULC has Prof. Platt back, hopefully permanently.
- Very engaging and knows the subject matter extensively. Provides great real world knowledge.
- Some terminologies were not familiar.

3. Add any other comments that you wish to make about the instructor.

- Overall an excellent course that I will highly recommend to future students. Professor Platt commands an understanding ensure the course is effective even though it is only a week in length.
- Very well organized
- Good sense of humor and very interesting case examples.
- I would take additional classes with this professor on any topic. He makes the material, no matter how dry, very interesting.
- He is an expert in the subject and helps you to learn complex examples.
- Great.
- Bring him back.
- Excellent prof.
- Definitely bring the professor back. Great instructor!
- GULC needs to bring him back- he teaches outside the box, and we could use more of that.
- I have always said that in order to be a good teacher you have to be kind of an entertainer. The instructor achieved this very well making the class interesting and entertaining.
- The debate on last day is sort of a waste of time. I would have much rather learned more about offshore structures.
- Active, smart, knows how to engage students.
- Only thing I'd change is not letting the gunners gun as much in class.

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- Great first lectures!
- I wish Stephen Platt was a Prof., as I would certainly take another of his courses.
- You must bring him back to teach this class again. My fiancé does Securities Regulation work and I would love to get her into this class.
- Extraordinarily well done.
- Explanation of each highly complicated scheme was sometimes not clear enough.

4. Add any other comments that you wish to make about the course.

- Very interesting course.
- Very helpful for a business lawyer expecting a career in the sphere of corporate transactions and finance.
- Good course.
- The class was fascinating and Platt taught it very well. It should become a permanent course.
- Wonderful course. I would highly recommend to others.
- Very interesting and relevant topic.
- I probably learned more about trusts in this class than I did in T&E.
- The content of this course is so interesting that maybe it should be considered for a longer class.
- Excellent.
- Highly recommended.
- Would prefer him over prof. slated to teach the course. Great stories from experience and extremely clever in teaching/explanation.
- Highly recommend.