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SYLLABUS FOR THE BAR EXAMINATION

CRIMINAL LAW

Attached is the coverage for the Criminal Law examination, which will be held on November 22, 2020.

For your information and guidance.

March 5, 2020.

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SYLLABUS FOR THE 2020 BAR EXAMINATIONS

CRIMINAL LAW

Notes: All Bar candidates should be guided that only laws with their respective amendments and canonical doctrines pertinent to these topics as of June 30, 2019 will be covered in the 2020 Bar Examinations, except when provided in this syllabus. Principles of law are not covered by the cut-off period.

This syllabus is only a guide for the bar examinations. It should not be mistaken for a course syllabus.

I. PRINCIPLES OF CRIMINAL LAW

- A. General principles
 - 1. *Mala in se* and *mala prohibita*
 - 2. Scope and characteristics
 - a. Generality
 - b. Territoriality
 - c. Prospectivity
 - 3. *Pro reo* principle
 - 4. Interpretation of penal laws
 - 5. Retroactive effect of penal laws
- B. Felonies
 - 1. Criminal liabilities
 - a. Classification of felonies
 - b. *Aberratio ictus*, error in *personae*, and *praeter intentionem*
 - c. Impossible crimes
 - d. Stages of execution
 - e. Continuing crimes
 - f. Complex crimes and composite crimes
 - 2. Circumstances affecting criminal liability
 - a. Justifying circumstances
 - b. Exempting circumstances
 - c. Mitigating circumstances
 - d. Aggravating circumstances
 - e. Alternative circumstances
 - f. Absolutory causes
 - 3. Persons liable and degree of participation
 - a. Principals, accomplices, and accessories
 - b. Conspiracy and proposal

- c. Multiple offenders
 - i. Recidivism
 - ii. Habituality
 - iii. Quasi-recidivism
 - iv. Habitual delinquency
- 4. Penalties
 - a. Imposable penalties
 - b. Classification
 - c. Duration and effects
 - d. Application
 - i. Subsidiary imprisonment
 - ii. Include: Indeterminate Sentence Law
 - e. Graduation of penalties
 - f. Accessory penalties
- 5. Execution and service
 - a. Three-fold rule
 - b. Probation Law
 - c. Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act
 - d. Republic Act No. 10951
- 6. Extinction of criminal liability
 - a. Republic Act No. 10592
- 7. Civil liability in criminal cases

II. CRIMES UNDER THE REVISED PENAL CODE

- A. Crimes against national security and laws of nations
- B. Crimes against the fundamental law of the State
- C. Crimes against public order
- D. Crimes against public interest
- E. Crimes against public morals
- F. Crimes committed by public officers
- G. Crimes against persons
- H. Crimes against personal liberty and security
 - I. Crimes against property
 - J. Crimes against chastity
- K. Crimes against the civil status of persons
- L. Crimes against honor
- M. Quasi-offenses

III. SPECIAL PENAL LAWS

- A. Anti-Carnapping Act
- B. Anti-Electricity and Electric Transmission Lines/Materials Pilferage Act of 1994
- C. Fisheries Code
- D. Anti-Fencing Law of 1979
- E. Bouncing Checks Law
- F. Swindling by Syndicate

- G. Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act of 1995
- H. Anti-Illegal Numbers Games Law
- I. Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act
- J. Anti-Hazing Act of 2018
- K. Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002
- L. Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees
- M. Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act
- N. Anti-Plunder Act
- O. Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2001
- P. Obstruction of Justice Law
- Q. Anti-Torture Act of 2009
- R. Human Security Act of 2007
- S. The Terrorism Financing Prevention and Suppression Act of 2012
- T. Anti-Wire Tapping Act
- U. Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012
- V. Anti-Child Pornography Act of 2009
- W. Anti-Photo and Video Voyeurism Act of 2009
- X. Anti-Sexual Harassment Act of 1995
- Y. Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003
- Z. Anti-Violence Against Women and their Children Act of 2004
- AA. Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation, and Discrimination Act
- BB. Safe Spaces Act
- CC. Data Privacy Act

LIST OF RELEVANT MATERIALS

I. REVISED PENAL CODE – BOOK I

II. SPECIAL PENAL LAWS

Act No. 4103 as amended by Rep. Act No. 4203	Indeterminate Sentence Law
Pres. Decree No. 968 as amended by: a. Pres. Decree No. 1257 b. B.P. Blg. 76 c. Pres. Decree No. 1990 d. Rep. Act No. 10707	Probation Law
Pres. Decree No. 1829, sec. 1	Obstruction of Justice Law
Rep. Act No. 10883	New Anti-Carnapping Act of 2016
Rep. Act No. 7832	Anti-Electricity and Electric Transmission Lines/Materials Pilferage Act of 1994
Rep. Act No. 8550 as amended by Rep. Act No. 10654, sec. 17	Fisheries Code
Pres. Decree No. 1612, secs. 2–6	Anti-Fencing Law of 1979
B.P. Blg. 22	Bouncing Checks Law
Pres. Decree No. 1689	Swindling by Syndicate
Rep. Act No. 8042, secs. 6, 7 & 12 as amended by Rep. Act No. 10022, secs. 5 & 6	Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act of 1995
Pres. Decree No. 1602 as amended by Rep. Act No. 9287	Anti-Illegal Numbers Games Law
Rep. Act No. 6713	Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for

Public Officials and Employees

Rep. Act No. 3019

as amended by:

- a. Rep. Act No. 3047
- b. Pres. Decree No. 677
- c. Pres. Decree No. 1288
- d. B.P. Blg. 195
- e. Rep. Act No. 10910

Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act

Rep. Act No. 7080,
secs. 1, 2 & 6

as amended by
Rep. Act No. 7659

Anti-Plunder Act

Rep. Act No. 9160

Rep. Act No. 7610,
secs. 3(a), 5 & 10

as amended by:
a. Rep. Act No. 7658
b. Rep. Act No. 9231

Anti-Money Laundering Act

Special Protection of Children Against
Abuse, Exploitation, and Discrimination
Act

Rep. Act No. 7877,
sec. 3

Rep. Act No. 8049,
secs. 2 & 3

as amended by
Rep. Act No. 11053

Rep. Act No. 9165,
secs. 5, 11, 15, 21, & 23

as amended by
Rep. Act No. 10640

Rep. Act No. 9208,
secs. 3–12

as amended by
Rep. Act No. 10364

Rep. Act No. 9262,
secs. 3, 5 & 26

Anti-Sexual Harassment Act of 1995

Anti-Hazing Act of 2018

Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of
2002

Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003

Anti-Violence Against Women and their
Children Act of 2004

Rep. Act No. 9344 as amended by Rep. Act No. 10630	Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act
Rep. Act No. 9372, secs. 3–6	Human Security Act of 2007
Rep. Act No. 10168	The Terrorism Financing Prevention and Suppression Act of 2012
Rep. Act No. 4200, secs. 1–4	Anti-Wire Tapping Act
Rep. Act No. 9775, secs. 3(a)(b)(c), 4 & 5	Anti-Child Pornography Act of 2009
Rep. Act No. 9995, secs. 3(a)(b)(d)(f) & 4	Anti-Photo and Video Voyeurism Act of 2009
Rep. Act No. 10159	An Act Amending Article 39 of the Revised Penal Code
Rep. Act No. 10175	Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012
Rep. Act No. 10591, secs. 28 & 29	Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act
Rep. Act No. 10592	An Act Amending Articles 29, 94, 97, 98 and 99 of Act No. 3815, As Amended, Otherwise Known As The Revised Penal Code
Rep. Act No. 10951	An Act Adjusting the Amount or the Value of Property and Damage on Which a Penalty is Based, and the Fines Imposed under The Revised Penal Code, amending for the purpose Act No. 3815, otherwise known as “The Revised Penal Code”, as amended
Rep. Act No. 11313, secs. 4–25	Safe Spaces Act
Rep. Act No. 10173	Data Privacy Act of 2012

– NOTHING FOLLOWS –