There is no text book for this class. Written materials will be prepared by the instructor and distributed at each class. The grade will be based on short papers and exam.

March 8, 2005
Introduction to Campaign Finance and Constitutional Principals

March 15, 2005
SPRING BREAK

March 22, 2005
Overview of Reform Efforts -
  - The significance of the Supreme Court opinion in McConnell v. FEC
  - The Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act

March 29, 2005
Organizing a Campaign Committee. Testing the waters and triggering candidacy
  - Should committee incorporate
  - Significance of transparency
  - Review record keeping and reporting provisions and compliance
  - How to conduct a compliance audit on your opponent and your own committee

April 5, 2005
Individual Limits
  - Prohibitors and Prohibitions
  - Review activity of corporations, trade associations and labor organizations

April 12, 2005
PACs
  - Organization and Operation
  - Effect of mergers and acquisitions
  - Acceptable fund raising practices – best practice ans legal requirements

April 19, 2005
Review activities of non-profits and 527s
  - Political Tax Law
  - Soft PACs and Hard PACs
April 26, 2005

a) State Campaign Finance Laws new take City regulations
b) Compliance
   – Civil and Criminal Enforcement
   – How sentencing guidelines work for criminal violations
   – Conclusion