QUESTION

You are a trainee solicitor at HLS Law. Each month, HSL Law produce a newsletter for their clients and the general public, which they publish on their website. This month, you have been asked to support your manager, Tracey, in writing a blog post on the law of agency.

In order to do so, Tracey has requested you to first write an essay, which she will then convert into a blog post.

Your essay must critically discuss:

1. The creation of the agency relationship and the agent’s authority
2. The obligations owed by an agent to his principal, both fiduciary and under common law

**Your essay has a maximum limit of 9 pages, including footnotes but excluding the bibliography.**

**All references must be OSCOLA.**

**Please read page 4 for more information on page limits.**

**How to submit:**

**Written Coursework:**

Ensure that you consult your individual module guides for details on individual assessments.

**Presentation**

**The assignment itself must be submitted as a Word document in Arial font size 11 and in double line spacing.**

Your name must not appear on your assignment. All assessed coursework is blind marked using your student registration number on your ID card. Your student registration number and module name should appear on every page of your essay and each page should be numbered. This is best achieved by use of the header and footer tool. You are also required to put your student registration number and module title in the file name of your assignment when submitting on Canvas (e.g. Criminal Law/Understanding Crime and Deviance 14043489.doc).

**Length**

Your assessment has a **maximum page limit**. Your work must be submitted in **Arial font size 11 and double spaced. The margins must be the normal size assigned by Word (2.54 cm on both sides and top and bottom).**

**You must not attempt to circumvent the page limit by using a different font or changing the line spacing or margins.**

Page limits will be strictly applied as you are being assessed on your ability to produce an answer within a proscribed format. Do **not** exceed the page limit in relation to your answer. **Markers will not mark any work that appears beyond the prescribed number of pages and you will not be given any credit for the additional pages.**

The page count for coursework will include footnotes and that has been taken into consideration. The page count will not include the bibliography. Think carefully about your use of footnotes as extensive footnotes will not be justification for exceeding the page limit.

**Referencing**

All quotations from or use of other writers’ work must be properly referenced – that is, you must give the author, title, and date of publication of the work concerned, and the page or section number of the passage quoted or cited. Reference style should remain consistent throughout each submitted essay.

For Law modules, your coursework answer should be properly referenced using the OSCOLA Referencing System.

You should include a full bibliography/references list at the end of your work.

**Resources**

You should make good use of library resources as part of your research to find relevant cases, legislation and authoritative commentary such as monographs and journal articles.

**OSCOLA Quick Reference Guide**

**Primary Sources**

Do not use full stops in abbreviations. Separate citations with a semi-colon.

**Cases**

Give the party names, followed by the neutral citation, followed by the *Law Reports* citation (eg AC, Ch, QB). If there is no neutral citation, give the *Law Reports* citation followed by the court in brackets. If the case is not reported in the *Law Reports*, cite the All ER or the WLR, or failing that a specialist report.

*Corr v IBC Vehicles Ltd* [2008] UKHL 13, [2008] 1 AC 884

*R (Roberts) v Parole Board* [2004] EWCA Civ 1031, [2005] QB 410

*Page v Smith* [1996] AC 155 (HL)

When pinpointing, give paragraph numbers in square brackets at the end of the citation. If the judgment has no paragraph numbers, provide the page number pinpoint after the court.

*Callery v Gray* [2001] EWCA Civ 1117, [2001] 1 WLR 2112 [42], [45]

*Bunt v Tilley* [2006] EWHC 407 (QB), [2006] 3 All ER 336 [1]–[37]

*R v Leeds County* C*ourt, ex p Morris* [1990] QB 523 (QB) 530–31

If citing a particular judge:

*Arscott v The Coal Authority* [2004] EWCA Civ 892, [2005] Env LR 6 [27] (Laws LJ)

**Statutes and statutory instruments**

Act of Supremacy 1558

Human Rights Act 1998, s 15(1)(b)

Penalties for Disorderly Behaviour (Amendment of Minimum Age) Order 2004, SI 2004/3166

**EU legislation and cases**

Consolidated Version of the Treaty on European Union [2008] OJ C115/13

Council Regulation (EC) 139/2004 on the control of concentrations between undertakings (EC Merger Regulation) [2004] OJ L24/1, art 5

Case C–176/03 *Commission v Council* [2005] ECR I–7879, paras 47–48

**European Court of Human Rights**

*Omojudi v UK* (2009) 51 EHRR 10

*Osman v UK* ECHR 1998–VIII 3124

*Balogh v Hungary* App no 47940/99 (ECHR, 20 July 2004)

*Simpson v UK* (1989) 64 DR 188

**Secondary Sources**

**Books**

Give the author’s name in the same form as in the publication, except in bibliographies, where you should give only the surname followed by the initial(s). Give relevant information about editions, translators and so forth before the publisher, and give page numbers at the end of the citation, after the brackets.

Thomas Hobbes, *Leviathan* (first published 1651, Penguin 1985) 268

Gareth Jones, *Goff and Jones: The Law of Restitution* (1st supp, 7th edn, Sweet & Maxwell 2009)

K Zweigert and H Kötz, *An Introduction to Comparative Law* (Tony Weir tr, 3rd edn, OUP 1998)

**Contributions to edited books**

Francis Rose, ‘The Evolution of the Species’ in Andrew Burrows and Alan Rodger (eds), *Mapping the Law: Essays in Memory of Peter Birks* (OUP 2006)

**Encyclopedias**

*Halsbury’s Laws* (5th edn, 2010) vol 57, para 53

**Journal articles**

Paul Craig, ‘Theory, “Pure Theory” and Values in Public Law’ [2005] PL 440

When pinpointing, put a comma between the first page of the article and the page pinpoint.

JAG Griffith, ‘The Common Law and the Political Constitution’ (2001) 117 LQR 42, 64

**Online journals**

Graham Greenleaf, ‘The Global Development of Free Access to Legal Information’ (2010) 1(1) EJLT < http://ejlt.org//article/view/17 > accessed 27 July 2010

**Command papers and Law Commission reports**

Department for International Development, *Eliminating World Poverty: Building our Common Future* (White Paper, Cm 7656, 2009) ch 5

Law Commission, *Reforming Bribery* (Law Com No 313, 2008) paras 3.12–3.17

**Websites and blogs**

Sarah Cole, ‘Virtual Friend Fires Employee’ (*Naked Law*, 1 May 2009) <www.nakedlaw.com/2009/05/index.html> accessed 19 November 2009

**Newspaper articles**

Jane Croft, ‘Supreme Court Warns on Quality’ *Financial Times* (London, 1 July 2010) 3