

## **Legal Environment Discussion**

In today's day and age, consumers of products and individuals are more likely to fault organizations when the products or services they buy do not meet their expectations. In many situations, a simple refund will suffice, but in situations where consumers feel they have been wronged or harmed by a product or service differing from promises or expectations, the threat of legal action may come into play. For this discussion, we will focus on a made-up dog food and treat company called Salty Pawz, owned by your hypothetical friend named Wanda.

## Here's the scenario:

Wanda is horrified when she sees a news report that some dog treats have been recalled because they have caused some dogs to get sick and even die. Wanda is very careful about her ingredients and uses only chicken, lamb, and bison that come from sustainable farms. Still, these headlines make her nervous. What if her dog treats make someone's dog sick? What if a batch of her Chicken Cuties is somehow contaminated and a dog dies from eating them?

## Here's what we'll discuss:

Wanda comes to you for advice, not as an attorney, but as someone who knows about the legal environment in business regarding her potential liability.

- What kind of legal exposure does Wanda have, and how can she protect herself against lawsuits?
- How much responsibility do you believe companies should have for the safety of their products?

In order to receive full credit for this assignment, all components of this assignment are **due by**11:59pm ET on Sunday, October 17, 2021. You should first contribute a thoughtful post of your own before viewing/commenting on the posts of others.

Once you submit your post, you must respond meaningfully to at least two other classmates' threads. This assignment is worth a total of ten (10) points — 6 possible points for your original post, and up to 2 points for each of the two responses to your classmates' posts.

Please reference our **Discussion Rubric** for more information, and to **this guide from MSSU** to learn more about what it means to respond meaningfully to a classmates' post. Remember to

