



## COURSE DESCRIPTION - FACULTY OF LAW

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**COURSE NUMBER:** LAW 456:A2

**COURSE NAME:** Professional Responsibility

**PREREQUISITE COURSES:** None

**PREREQUISITE FOR:**

**CREDITS:** 3    **HOURS PER TERM:**    **TERM:** 1<sup>st</sup>    **MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT:** 20

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**PROFESSORS:** Bonnie Bokenfohr and Tamara Friesen

**METHOD OF PRESENTATION:**                      LECTURE                      SEMINAR    X    OTHER

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**METHOD OF EVALUATION:**

75 % based on final essay. 25% based on student presentations, semi-formal debates, and class participation.

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This course will explore the ethical obligations and responsibilities of lawyers. Students will be expected to think critically about contemporary and historical ethical questions faced by members of the legal profession and to reflect on how their own values and attitudes will shape their future careers. Spirited debate in a non-judgmental context will be encouraged.

Topics will include: ethical decision-making, solicitor-client relationships, duty to the client and to the court, confidentiality & privilege, self-governance of the profession including regulation and discipline, the adversarial system, law as business, and the public image of lawyers.

A number of guest speakers from the legal community will make presentations to the class over the course of the semester. Students will be expected to take an active role in class discussions as both leaders and participants.

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**\*REQUIRED TEXTS (IF ANY):**

1. Alice Woolley, et al, *Lawyers Ethics and Professional Regulation* (Toronto: LexisNexis, 2008)
2. *Alberta Code of Professional Conduct*, Law Society of Alberta
3. Selected cases and readings

\*Required texts may be subject to change.