



COURSE DESCRIPTION - FACULTY OF LAW

COURSE NUMBER: Law 456:A3

COURSE NAME: Professional Responsibility

PREREQUISITE COURSES: None

PREREQUISITE FOR: None

CREDITS: 3 **HOURS PER TERM:** 3 **TERM:** 1st **MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT:**

PROFESSOR: Chris Sprysak

METHOD OF PRESENTATION: LECTURE SEMINAR OTHER

METHOD OF EVALUATION:

The primary method of evaluation will be a paper worth 70% of your total grade. This paper will be 15 - 20 pages in length, double spaced, 12-point font, 1 inch margins (excluding bibliography - which is also required). This paper will be due no later than 4 p.m. on the last day of classes and should be submitted to the General Office on the 4th floor. In addition to the paper component, students will also be graded on their participation in class, both as discussion leaders (20%) and as general participants (10%).

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There are three main objectives of this course. The first objective is to discuss the practice of law in Canada with a particular focus on commonly encountered ethical issues. The second objective is to examine the profession's (as reflected in the *Alberta Code of Professional Conduct*), the courts' (as reflected in selected judgments) and various commentators' responses to such issues. The third objective is to give students the opportunity to contribute their own personal experiences and ethical standards to the discussion of how they might deal with ethical and practice issues once they leave law school.

*SPECIAL COMMENTS:

EVENING CLASS:

SPECIAL ATTENDANCE:

OTHER:

REQUIRED TEXTS (IF ANY):

- ▶ Woolley, Cotter, Devlin and Law, *Lawyers Ethics and Professional Regulations* (Lexis Nexis, 2008) – available at the Book Cellar in HUB Mall, and

- ▶ Current Version of the *Alberta Code of Professional Conduct* (available from the Law Society of Alberta website - www.lawsocietyalberta.com).