



COURSE DESCRIPTION - FACULTY OF LAW

COURSE NUMBER: LAW 556:B1 **COURSE NAME:** LABOUR ARBITRATION

PREREQUISITE COURSES: NONE (LABOUR LAW AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW HELPFUL)

PREREQUISITE FOR: NONE

CREDITS: 3 **HOURS PER TERM:** **TERM:** 2nd **MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT:**

PROFESSOR: PATRICK NUGENT

METHOD OF PRESENTATION: LECTURE X SEMINAR X OTHER

METHOD OF EVALUATION:

- A. Assignment: 20%
- B. Mock Arbitration
 - written argument 40%
 - Oral skills 30%
- C. Class Participation 10%

A. ASSIGNMENT: Students will be required to submit a 1500 word written assignment requiring research and analysis on an assigned topic in labour arbitration law. This assignment is worth 20% of the final mark.

B. MOCK ARBITRATION: Every student will be required to participate in an arbitration as counsel representing either a union or an employer, or in some cases, an interested party. Specific problems will be handed out later in the term. Students will be expected to make oral argument and to present a written legal submission no longer than ten pages. The written submission will be worth 40% of the final mark, and the performance during the moot will be worth 30% of the final mark.

C. CLASS PARTICIPATION: Students will be evaluated on their participation in class. This means evaluating the level of preparation for all classes and the quality (not quantity) of contribution to classroom discussion. Class participation is worth 10% of the final mark.

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This course deals with the law and practice of labour arbitrations in Alberta. The course deals with substantive law, practical applications of the law and has a significant advocacy

component as well. For the major assignment, students will have to develop written arguments and then present those arguments in a mock arbitration. This assignment will assist in developing skills that are required in any area of legal practice, but is particularly helpful for students intent on entering an advocacy-focused practice like labour law.

***SPECIAL COMMENTS:**

EVENING CLASS:

SPECIAL ATTENDANCE:

OTHER: FRIDAY MORNINGS 9-12

REQUIRED TEXTS (IF ANY): Palmer & Snyder, Collective Agreement Arbitration in Canada (4th ed.), LexisNexis Canada Inc. 2009