



COURSE DESCRIPTION - FACULTY OF LAW

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COURSE NUMBER: LAW 599:X53

COURSE NAME: Public Law and Practice

PREREQUISITE COURSES:

PREREQUISITE FOR:

CREDITS: 3 **HOURS PER TERM:** 3 **TERM:** 2nd **MAXIMUM ENROLMENT:** 20

PROFESSOR: David Stam

METHOD OF PRESENTATION: LECTURE SEMINAR OTHER

METHOD OF EVALUATION: Final examination – 100%

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

On an ever increasing basis the rights and responsibilities of individuals in our society are defined by the operations of various levels of government. This course will focus particularly on the role of government-municipal, provincial and federal-in the litigation process, both from a substantive and procedural perspective. It is anticipated that during the course representative legal practitioners will discuss the role of government in litigation, and what special role "the crown" can often have. What special provisions must various levels of government adhere to that are similar to private litigants, and what are distinct. Does government enjoy some advantages? What remedies are unique to the crown, and what special rights do individuals have against it. How are legal proceedings involving various levels of government different from private actions? In short, the role of government in legal practice and procedure will be examined.

In addition, discussions involving the role of privacy and access legislation and other unique statutory enactments (i.e. the Municipal Government Act, the Federal Court Act, etc.) will also occur, allowing the student to grasp the basics of the material to be addressed when "taking on the government" or "fighting city hall". In short, this course is designed for anyone contemplating a career in public legal service as well as those who anticipate being employed with law firms actively engaged in litigation against the various levels of government.

***SPECIAL COMMENTS:**

EVENING CLASS: THURSDAYS 1800-2100

SPECIAL ATTENDANCE:

OTHER:

REQUIRED TEXTS (IF ANY):