



COURSE DESCRIPTION - FACULTY OF LAW

COURSE NUMBER: LAW 599:X54 **COURSE NAME:** Advanced Criminal Trial Advocacy

PREREQUISITE COURSES: None

PREREQUISITE FOR:

CREDITS: 3 **HOURS PER TERM:** **TERM:** 2nd **MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT:** 40

PROFESSOR: Karen E. Hewitt

METHOD OF PRESENTATION: LECTURE SEMINAR OTHER

METHOD OF EVALUATION:

20% Participation/ in-class assignments

30% Advocacy / Presentation

50% Written Assignment

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This course delivers the various practical skills necessary to conduct a criminal trial (jury and non-jury). The course will commence with basic trial advocacy skills (examination- in- chief and cross-examination), then build to developing more advanced skills (impeachment of witnesses, objections, use of exhibits), finally culminating with structuring and delivery of opening and closing arguments. Utilizing actual criminal case scenarios, students will be actively involved, both as Crown counsel and as counsel for the accused, in preparing and conducting different phases of a criminal trial. The course will integrate written components (case preparation, involving analysis of substantive issues, identification of procedural requirements and development of trial strategy) with oral advocacy exercises. The final written assignment will require students to draw upon knowledge and skills developed during the course to prepare a comprehensive “trial book” in response to a “prosecution disclosure brief”.

***SPECIAL COMMENTS:**

EVENING CLASS: MONDAYS/WEDNESDAYS (5:30PM – 7:00PM)

SPECIAL ATTENDANCE:

OTHER:

REQUIRED TEXTS (IF ANY):