



COURSE DESCRIPTION - FACULTY OF LAW

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COURSE NUMBER: LAW 608:X50

COURSE NAME: ADVOCACY

PREREQUISITE COURSES: NONE, BUT EVIDENCE, CRIMINAL TRIAL PROCEDURE AND CIVIL PROCEDURE RECOMMENDED

PREREQUISITE FOR: NONE

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

PROFESSOR: LAURA K. STEVENS, Q.C.

METHOD OF PRESENTATION: LECTURE FOR NO MORE THAN HALF THE CLASS STUDENTS WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN ADVOCACY EXERCISES FOR AT LEAST HALF THE CLASS

METHOD OF EVALUATION:

25 % WILL BE BASED ON ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION, 25% ON A CHAMBERS APPLICATION, SENTENCING, OR BAIL APPLICATION, THE REMAINING 50% ON THE CONDUCT OF A MOCK TRIAL. NO WRITTEN WORK WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THIS CLASS.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: In this class, students will be expected to get to their feet and to practise specific skills in every class. The general skills used by the advocate in civil and criminal litigation are the same, but there will be a greater use of criminal case studies due to the instructor's experience. Guest lecturers will cover the strategic and practical elements that are unique to civil litigation.

This course is about the courtroom, and students will improve their oral advocacy by the end of this class. Advocacy is an art, not a science, but there are some rules which must be learned.

The usual topics will be covered: Opening Statements; Closing Statements; Examination in Chief; Cross-Examination; Expert Witnesses; Exhibit Introduction; the Anatomy of a Civil Trial; Discovery Rules and Techniques; Juries vs. Judge Alone; Impeachment; Ethical Issues

***SPECIAL COMMENTS:**

EVENING CLASS: EVENING CLASS

SPECIAL ATTENDANCE: COURT OF APPEAL

OTHER:

REQUIRED TEXTS (IF ANY):

Lee Steusser, *An Advocacy Primer*, 3rd ed., Thomson Canada strongly recommended