

FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
2023-24 COURSE REGISTRATION - PRELIMINARY COURSE INFORMATION (PCIS)¹

COURSE	LAW 307B Civil Procedure with Drafting
UNIT VALUE	2.0 Units (4 hours of instruction per week)
INSTRUCTORS	Fernando de Lima and Stephen King
TERM OFFERED	Fall 2023
CLASS TIMES	See schedule
PREREQUISITES/COREQUISITE	LAW 307B is a recommended pre- or corequisite for LAW 355 Legal Skills

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is intended to equip students with a working knowledge of the *Supreme Court Civil Rules* as well as drafting skills. The course will also briefly consider the *Court of Appeal Rules*, the *Small Claims Rules* and the Civil Resolution Tribunal of British Columbia.

The course will be structured around the development of fundamental skills, including the drafting of documents necessary for prosecuting and defending claims before the Supreme Court of British Columbia. Topics will include choice of proceeding, service of documents, initiating pleadings, responsive pleadings, counterclaims, third party claims, default judgment, case planning conferences, amendments of pleadings, change of parties, discovery procedures, applications and chambers proceedings, formal offers to settle, summary disposition of claims, expert evidence, costs and procedures at trial.

COURSE OBJECTIVE

1. To acquire knowledge of civil procedure, drafting skills and advocacy as applicable to civil procedure.
2. To understand the function of procedural rules in the pursuit of rights and remedies and ultimately in the pursuit of justice.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The course will include lectures by the instructors and guest lecturers, group exercises, drafting and oral advocacy assignments, as well as attendance in Supreme Court chambers.

No students will be allowed to complete a major paper in this course.

EXPECTED EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

The students will be required to complete 5 drafting assignments, speak to a (mock) chambers application, write a report of cases heard in Supreme Court chambers, as well as one or two in-class quizzes. There will be no final exam in this course.

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¹ The information in this document is provided for course registration purposes only and is **subject to change**. More detailed course information about course content and evaluation will be provided upon the commencement of the course. Students seeking additional information about the course prior to its commencement may contact the instructor or, if no instructor is listed, Law Student Services (law.studentservices@uvic.ca).