COURSE DESCRIPTION

LAW 307B examines civil procedure and drafting with reference to the Supreme Court of British Columbia, Supreme Court Rules. Throughout the course, we will also examine professional responsibility, access to justice, self-represented litigants, court delays, alternative dispute resolution and lawyer wellness as those issues apply to the conduct of a civil matter.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Acquire knowledge of civil procedure and related issues (as noted above), basic drafting principles which apply to court documents, and advocacy in court.

2. Develop the skills needed to draft basic civil litigation documents and understand the connection between written and oral advocacy.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

This course will be a combination of lectures, court watching, drafting workshops, and class discussion.

Expectations: attend class, read and consider the assigned materials before coming to class, identify and discuss relevant issues raised by the readings, complete all assignments, learn something.

EXPECTED EVALUATION METHOD

1. Mid-term exam 35%
2. Court-watching assignment 15%
3. Drafting assignment 35%
4. Oral Advocacy 15%

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

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