COURSE DESCRIPTION

LAW 307B examines civil procedure and drafting, with a focus on the Supreme Court of British Columbia, Supreme Court Rules. Students will be introduced to the structure of a civil action and issues for consideration throughout the development of a court proceeding. Issues of professional responsibility, expense of litigation, jurisdiction, pleadings (and amendments to pleadings), discovery, self-represented litigants, court delays, and alternative dispute resolution as apply to the conduct of a civil matter will be considered.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Acquire knowledge of civil procedure and related issues, 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 observing, 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. Class Attendance 15%
2. Drafting assignments 65%
3. Court Assignment 20%

No students will be allowed to complete a major paper 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, the Manager of Academic Administration and Student Services (lawmaass@uvic.ca).