

**FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA**  
**2011-12 COURSE REGISTRATION – PRELIMINARY COURSE INFORMATION<sup>1</sup>**

<b>COURSE</b>	Law 360 The Legal Profession (Lawyers, Ethics, and the Law)
<b>UNIT VALUE</b>	1.5 Units (3 hours of instruction per week)
<b>INSTRUCTOR</b>	Andrew Pirie
<b>TERM OFFERED</b>	Spring 2012
<b>CLASS TIMES</b>	See Schedule
<b>PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES</b>	None

## **OBJECTIVES**

The content of a course on lawyers, ethics and the law is quite expansive - the legal profession, its history in Canada and other jurisdictions, admission to the profession including good character concepts, the structure of a self-regulated profession in British Columbia and beyond including recent challenges to self regulation; significant changes in the profession (consider for example rules against sexual harassment added fairly recently, issues around equity and diversity, moves to MDPs, and recent high profile conflict of interest rulings); ethics for lawyers including the relationships between professional ethics and personal values, the statutory and common law relevant to lawyers and legal ethics, and, importantly, how to spot and solve ethical problems to avoid being found guilty of professional misconduct. While the topics are very broad, the course will give you a chance not only to see the "big picture" of the legal profession and professional ethics but also to examine important areas in greater detail.

## **METHODOLOGY**

I encourage active participation in class discussions, small group discussions, guest lectures, role-play exercises, video demonstrations, and other exercises.

## **EXPECTED EVALUATION METHODOLOGY**

There are four evaluation components:

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| • Book Review/Commentary                     | 20% |
| • Office Memo – Resolving an Ethical Problem | 30% |
| • Issue Paper – 10 Pages                     | 30% |
| • Class participation                        | 20% |

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<sup>1</sup> 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](mailto:lawmaass@uvic.ca)).