

# **COURSE DESCRIPTION LAW 356**

## **TRIAL ADVOCACY**

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### **Major Course Objectives**

To introduce and familiarize students with basic trial advocacy techniques including:

- opening statements
- direct examination
- cross examination and impeachment
- objections and arguments on points of evidence
- closing argument

### **Teaching Methods**

Lectures, class discussions, demonstrations and class exercises. The course will consist of a series of mock trial exercises including witness examinations, opening and closing arguments. A full mock trial will be conducted at the end of term.

### **Evaluation**

Pass/Fail

Students are required to attend all classes and be prepared to participate in all assigned and spontaneous exercises.

Two unexcused absences will result in a FAIL. Instructors may excuse absences where appropriate reasons are provided.

### **Major Research Paper**

Not permitted.

### **Be Green**

In recognition that members of the university community have a personal responsibility for the way their conduct impacts the local and global environment, students are strongly encouraged to **print on both sides of the paper.** (University of Victoria Operational Policy 6485, Waste Management, section 2.8.1)