

LAW 360:

The Legal Profession ** Legal Ethics and Professionalism**

Course Outline

This document contains a detailed week by week outline of the classes in The Legal Profession. ** Legal Ethics and Professionalism.**

Each page has information about the class date, topic, and learning objectives. This information will enable you to follow the progress of the course and assist you in preparing for each class. Successful completion of this course satisfies the Federation of Law Societies of Canada ethics and professionalism requirement for an accredited Canadian law degree leading to admission to any Provincial Law Society.

The text in the course is the leading Canadian academic text:

Woolley, Devlin, Cotter, Law,
Lawyers' Ethics and Professional Regulation
(2008, LexisNexis)

The text is available for purchase at the University
bookstore

WEEK – DATE

1 -- January 4

TOPIC

1. Introduction of course, students and instructor
2. Overview of course description, materials, methodology, evaluation
3. Foundational Concepts in Legal Ethics and Professionalism
3. Assignment handed out-book review

OBJECTIVES

1. Be able to be clear about the course content, teaching methodology, evaluation, your responsibilities and how the course can meet your expectations.
2. Identify from real cases foundational concepts in legal ethics and professionalism

STUDENT NOTES, COMMENTS, QUESTIONS

WEEK – DATE

2, 3 -- January 9, 11, 16, 18 (out of class work)

TOPIC

1. Book Reviews/Instructor meeting

OBJECTIVES

1. Outside of class time, be able to read and review the class text, prepare a Book Review following the Book Review Notes, and meet with instructor to preliminarily identify/choose a research topic for your Issues Paper.

STUDENT NOTES, COMMENTS, QUESTIONS

WEEK – DATE

4 -- January 23

TOPIC

1. Book Reviews - Review and Practical Applications

OBJECTIVES

1. Be able to share and review reading results.
2. Be able to identify key elements of professional responsibility and ethics from the readings and begin to develop an approach to practice applications of reading results.

STUDENT NOTES, COMMENTS, QUESTIONS

WEEK – DATE

4, 5, 6, 8 – January 25, 30, February 1, 6, 8,(13, 15 Reading Break) 20, 22

TOPIC

1. Spotting and Resolving Ethical Problems

OBJECTIVES

1. Be able to use a structured approach to identify and resolve ethical problems in law with reference to course materials and the Federation of Law Societies of Canada Model Code of Professional Conduct and problem solving, ethical skill sets.

STUDENT NOTES, COMMENTS, QUESTIONS

WEEK – DATE

7 -- February 13, 15

TOPIC

1. Reading Break (no formally scheduled classes).

WEEK – DATE

9 –February 27, 29

TOPIC

1. Power Point Presentations/ Topic Summary

OBJECTIVES

1. Be familiar with emerging and critical issues in lawyers, ethics, and the law covered in student **preliminary reports**.

STUDENT NOTES, COMMENTS, QUESTIONS

WEEK – DATE

10 – March 5, 7

TOPIC

1. Issues Paper Work (no formally scheduled classes.).

WEEK – DATE

11, 12 -- March 12, 14, 19, 21

TOPIC

1. Guest speakers, court visits

OBJECTIVES

1. Be able to summarize important learning points on lawyers' ethics and the law as well as the organization of the legal profession with reference to Chps. 2, 3, 12 of the course text.

STUDENT NOTES, COMMENTS, QUESTIONS

WEEK – DATE

13, 14 - March 26, 28, April 2, 4

TOPIC

1. Student Presentations of Resolving Ethical Problems Digital/Office Memos on ethical problems
2. Course Conclusion

OBJECTIVES

1. Be able to further identify ethical problems and consider how they might be resolved.
2. Conclude course.

STUDENT NOTES, COMMENTS, QUESTIONS