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UNIVERSITY**

SCHULICH SCHOOL OF LAW

Laws (Course Code) /3 Credit Hours/Gale Cup Moot Syllabus

Fall 2018/Winter 2019

Class hours, As arranged upon initial meetings

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Course Description

Working as a team, the students will study the case under appeal, decide which students will represent the Appellant/Respondent, clearly outline the issues to be argued, research their positions, complete the facta and file on or before the deadline provided by the Gale Cup Committee, participate in practice benches, and compete in Toronto in February, 2019.

Course Pre-requisites, Co-requisites and/or other Restrictions

None.

Learning Management System Site Information

N/A

Required Text(s)

Some written materials will be provided. Sample facta will also be provided.

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Week/Module Class Dates	Focus Topic	Activities	Readings
1	Week 1 topics	Week 1 activities	Week 1 readings
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Course Assessments

The students will be graded on their teamwork, ability to analyse, understand and clearly support their positions. Written and mooted skills will be graded based on appropriate language, strong advocacy skills, poise and substantive knowledge. This is very subjective, but will be taught and graded on a modern, point first writing and conversational mooted model.

1. Student Requests for Accommodation

Requests for special accommodation for reasons such as illness, injury or family emergency will require an application to the Law School Studies Committee. Such requests (for example, for assignment extensions) must be made to Associate Dean, Academic Michael Deturbide or the Director of Student Services and Engagement Dana-Lyn Mackenzie as soon as possible, before a scheduled exam or a deadline for an assignment, and will generally require documentation. Retroactive accommodation will not be provided. Please note that individual professors cannot entertain accommodation requests.

Students may request accommodation for either classroom participation or the writing of tests and exams due to barriers related to disability, religious obligation, or any characteristic under the Nova Scotia *Human Rights Act*. Students who require such accommodation must make their request to the Advising and Access Services Center (AASC) at the outset of the regular academic year. Please visit www.dal.ca/access for more information and to obtain the Request for Accommodation – Form A. Students may also contact the Advising and Access Services Centre directly at (902) 494-2836.

2. Submission of Major Papers and Assignments

Major papers and assignments must be submitted in hard copy. Students should hand papers in to the place stipulated by the instructor and ensure they are date and time stamped. Please read the law school policy on late penalties:

<https://www.dal.ca/faculty/law/current-students/jd-students/academic-regulations.html>

Please note students may also be required to provide an identical electronic copy of their paper to the instructor by the due date. Papers may be submitted by the instructor to a text-matching software service to check for originality. Students wishing to choose an alternative method of checking the authenticity of their work must indicate to the instructor, by no later than the add/drop date of the course, which one of the following alternative methods they choose:

- a) submit copies of multiple drafts demonstrating development of their work
- b) submit copies of sources
- c) submit an annotated bibliography

3. Plagiarism

All students must read the University policies on plagiarism and academic honesty

<http://academicintegrity.dal.ca/> and the Law School policy on plagiarism

<http://www.dal.ca/faculty/law/current-students/jd-students/academic-regulations.html>.

Any paper or assignment submitted by a student at the Schulich School of Law may be checked for originality to confirm that the student has not plagiarized from other sources. Plagiarism is considered a serious academic offence which may lead to loss of credit, suspension or expulsion from the law school, or even revocation of a degree. It is essential that there be correct attribution of authorities from which facts and opinions have been derived. Prior to submitting any paper or other assignment, students should read and familiarize themselves with the policies referred to above and should consult with the instructor if they have any questions. Ignorance of the policies on plagiarism will not excuse any violation of those policies.

In addition instructors must provide (where relevant):

* This is a winter semester course; but, students must complete the vast bulk of the written factum component in the fall semester. Meetings, materials for review, and exchanging written drafts will be essential, given the tight filing deadlines in the New Year.

* All students must attend meetings, practice benches and the Toronto Moot Competition.

* The students will be graded on their ability to support their positions in written form and in oral advocacy. Knowledge of the subject matter, style and precision will all be assessed, along with ability to handle questions with poise and answer directly and persuasively.

* Grades will be decided based on overall participation in the course, teamwork, the quality of the written component and the oral advocacy component, and will be provided as a final mark following completion of the competition.

* It is expected that all four students will work as a team in reviewing and considering the case under appeal, sharing thoughts and counter-arguments, etc. Each set of mooters (two as Appellant and two as Respondent) will work closely to complete their written filings and present their oral arguments.

Many of the requirements are governed by the Gale Cup Rules, the link for which will be provided once updated each year.

Required links:

* General Academic Support – Advising Halifax:
https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/academic-support/advising.html

* Fair Dealing Guidelines <https://libraries.dal.ca/services/copyright-office/guidelines/fair-dealing-guidelines.html>