EVIDENCE (LAWS 2008)

Fall Term 2018

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CLASS SCHEDULE:

Tuesday & Thursday, 9 a.m. – 10:50 a.m., Room 104

EVALUATION:

100%, 3-hour, semi-closed-book examination

PRELIMINARY CLASS SCHEDULE

September 6  Introduction, Basic Concepts: Supp. 1 (1)
September 11 Basic Concepts: Supp. 1 (2) to (3)
September 13 Burden/Standard of Proof, Presumptions: Supp. 2
September 18 Shortcuts to Proof: Supp. 3
September 20 Types and Methods of Proof: Supp. 4
                  Competence and Compellability: Supp. 5 (1) to (2)
September 25 Competence and Compellability: Supp. 5 (3) to (4)
                  Witnesses: Supp. 6 (1) to (2)
September 27 Witnesses: Supp. 6 (3) to (7)

October 2     Opinion: Supp. 7 (1) to (2)
October 4     Opinion: Supp. 7 (3) to (4)
                  Character: Supp. 8 (1)
October 9     Character: Supp. 8 (2) to (5)(a)-(d)
October 11    Character: Supp. 8 (6) to (9)
October 16    Credibility: Supp. 9 (1) to (7)
October 18    Credibility: Supp. 9 (8) to (10)
October 23    PROBLEM CLASS
October 25    Hearsay: Supp. 10
October 30    Hearsay Exceptions: Supp. 11 (1) to (5)
November 1  Hearsay Exceptions: Supp. 11 (6) to (10)
November 6  Hearsay Exceptions: Supp. 11 (11) to (13)
November 8  Hearsay Wrap-Up
       Common Law Confessions: Supp. 12
November 13  Fall Break, No class
November 15  Fall Break, No class
November 20  Section 24(2): Supp. 13
November 22  Privilege: Supp. 14 (1) to (2)
November 27  Privilege: Supp. 14 (3) to (5)
November 29  Privilege: Supp. 14 (6) to (8)

December 4  PROBLEMS/REVIEW

December 17  EXAM, 9:30 a.m.

OTHER MATTERS

On-line Course Materials

Some of the materials required for this course are available on-line through Dalhousie's on-line course management software, “Brightspace.” You may access these materials by opening a web browser and navigate to https://dal.brightspace.com. Login using your Dalhousie username and password. On the next screen you will be able to choose from the different courses in which you are enrolled, click on the course title to be taken to the site for that course. If you have any questions regarding on-line course materials please contact Geordie Lounsbury in the Information Media Center.

Academic Policies

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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.