# **COURSE SYLLABUS**



COURSE TITLE: CIVIL LITIGATION

CLASS SECTION: LGL151 – D01

TERM: WINTER 2023

COURSE CREDITS: 3

DELIVERY METHOD(S): ONLINE

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Learn more about Camosun's Territorial Acknowledgement.

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#### **INSTRUCTOR DETAILS**

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HOURS: posted via D2L

As your course instructor, I endeavour to provide an inclusive learning environment. However, if you experience barriers to learning in this course, do not hesitate to discuss them with me. Camosun College is committed to identifying and removing institutional and social barriers that prevent access and impede success.

#### **CALENDAR DESCRIPTION**

This course introduces students to the duties and responsibilities of a legal office assistant working in the area of civil litigation in British Columbia. Topics covered include: specialized legal terminology; Provincial Statue Law and Regulations; Forms and Rules of Court for BC's Supreme Court matters; Alternative Dispute Resolution; Preparing, filing and maintaining client files; Confidentiality and client management and current civil litigation specific technology.

PREREQUISITE(S): C in one of Bus276 or LGL150

CO-REQUISITE(S): n/a EXCLUSION(S): n/a

# COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

- 1. Practice confidentiality and demonstrate an awareness of ethical responsibilities in the workplace.
- 2. Locate and use relevant Statutes, Rules and Supreme Court of BC forms.

- 3. Manage all aspects of client files from commencement to conclusion of a civil litigation matter, including the production of documents required in BC Supreme Court civil litigation matters in accordance with BC Supreme Court rules.
- 4. Apply knowledge of tort and contract law, and describe the role of Alternative Dispute Resolution used in civil litigation matters.
- 5. Demonstrate knowledge of advanced editing and proofreading skills in the preparation of documents and correspondence specific to civil litigation.

### REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

# Required Materials

- a) storage device or online storage
- b) instructor provided materials

#### Optional Materials:

c) Legal or standard Canadian Dictionary

# COURSE SCHEDULE, TOPICS, AND ASSOCIATED PREPARATION / ACTIVITY / EVALUATION

The following schedule and course components are subject to change with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.

WEEK or DATE RANGE	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	OTHER NOTES
1	Introduction, course overview, originating applications	
2	Litigation Principles, Flow of a case, Civil Litigation glossary and terms  Quiz: litigation principles, flow of a case, glossary and terms, originating applications	
3	Preliminary Matters, Fee arrangements. SC Rules and court Documents Quiz: Preliminary matters, fee arrangements, rules, documents	
4	Commencing and defending an Action  Quiz: Commencing and Defending an Action	
5	Default and Time Quiz: default and time	
6	Begin: Discovery process Mid term review	
7	READING WEEK	
8	MID TERM Continue Discovery process	
9	DISCOVERY process.  QUIZ re: discovery processes	
10	CHAMBERS: documents, processes, rules	

WEEK or DATE RANGE	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	OTHER NOTES
11	Continue with Chambers applications QUIZ re: Chambers	
12	Commence Trial and trial docs TRIAL: rules, process, documents Quiz re: Trial	
13	Bill of Costs and Settlement	
14	Mediation and quiz Final exam review	

Students registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) who complete quizzes, tests, and exams with academic accommodations have booking procedures and deadlines with CAL where advanced noticed is required. Deadlines scan be reviewed on the <u>CAL exams page</u>. <a href="http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html">http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html</a>

#### **EVALUATION OF LEARNING**

DESCRIPTION		WEIGHTING
Discussion-based assignments		10
Practical assignments		30
Quizzes (eight)		20
Mid Term		20
Final Exam		20
If you have a concern about a grade you have received for an evaluation, please come and see	TOTAL	100%

me as soon as possible. Refer to the <u>Grade Review and Appeals</u> policy for more information. http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf

#### **COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS**

Deadlines and exams. You must submit your assignments on the due date or as announced. A grade of zero will be assigned to late submissions. There are no additional assignments or make-up exams of any kind if you performed poorly on an assignment, midterm or final exam.

#### SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

The LOA program is within the Applied Business (ABT) Department of the School of Business.

## STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Enrolment at Camosun assumes that the student will become a responsible member of the College community. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, assist in the preservation of College property, and assume responsibility for their education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

#### SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Camosun College offers a number of services to help you succeed in and out of the classroom. For a detailed overview of the supports and services visit <a href="http://camosun.ca/students/">http://camosun.ca/students/</a>.

Support Service	Website
Academic Advising	http://camosun.ca/advising
Accessible Learning	http://camosun.ca/accessible-learning
Counselling	http://camosun.ca/counselling
Career Services	http://camosun.ca/coop
Financial Aid and Awards	http://camosun.ca/financialaid
Help Centres (Math/English/Science)	http://camosun.ca/help-centres
Indigenous Student Support	http://camosun.ca/indigenous
International Student Support	http://camosun.ca/international/
Learning Skills	http://camosun.ca/learningskills
Library	http://camosun.ca/services/library/
Office of Student Support	http://camosun.ca/oss
Ombudsperson	http://camosun.ca/ombuds
Registration	http://camosun.ca/registration
Technology Support	http://camosun.ca/its
Writing Centre	http://camosun.ca/writing-centre

If you have a mental health concern, please contact Counselling to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. Counselling sessions are available at both campuses during business hours. If you need urgent support after-hours, please contact the Vancouver Island Crisis Line at 1-888-494-3888 or call 911.

#### COLLEGE-WIDE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, AND STANDARDS

#### **Academic Integrity**

Please visit <a href="http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.13.pdf">http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.13.pdf</a> for policy regarding academic expectations and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

#### Academic Integrity, continued....

Students are expected to comply with all College policy regarding academic integrity; which is about honest and ethical behaviour in your education journey. The following guide is designed to help you understand your responsibilities: <a href="https://camosun.libguides.com/academicintegrity/welcome">https://camosun.libguides.com/academicintegrity/welcome</a>
Please visit <a href="http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.13.pdf">http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.13.pdf</a> for Camosun's Academic Integrity policy and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

#### Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The College is committed to providing appropriate and reasonable academic accommodations to students with disabilities (i.e. physical, depression, learning, etc). If you have a disability, the <a href="Centre for Accessible Learning">Centre for Accessible Learning</a> (CAL) can help you document your needs, and where disability-related barriers to access in your courses exist, create an accommodation plan. By making a plan through CAL, you can ensure you have the appropriate academic accommodations you need without disclosing your diagnosis or condition to course instructors. Please visit the CAL website for contacts and to learn how to get started: <a href="http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/">http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/</a>

#### **Academic Progress**

Please visit <a href="http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.1.pdf">http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.1.pdf</a> for further details on how Camosun College monitors students' academic progress and what steps can be taken if a student is at risk of not meeting the College's academic progress standards.

## Course Withdrawals Policy

Please visit <a href="http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.2.pdf">http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.2.pdf</a> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadline for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <a href="http://camosun.ca/learn/fees/#deadlines">http://camosun.ca/learn/fees/#deadlines</a>.

### **Grading Policy**

Please visit <a href="http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf">http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf</a> for further details about grading.

#### Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <a href="http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf">http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf</a> for policy relating to requests for review and appeal of grades.

#### Mandatory Attendance for First Class Meeting of Each Course

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(http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/procedures.html) and the Grading Policy at http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf.

#### Medical / Compassionate Withdrawals

Students who are incapacitated and unable to complete or succeed in their studies by virtue of serious and demonstrated exceptional circumstances may be eligible for a medical/compassionate withdrawal. Please visit <a href="http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.8.pdf">http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.8.pdf</a> to learn more about the process involved in a medical/compassionate withdrawal.

#### Sexual Violence and Misconduct

Camosun is committed to creating a campus culture of safety, respect, and consent. Camosun's Office of Student Support is responsible for offering support to students impacted by sexual violence. Regardless of when or where the sexual violence or misconduct occurred, students can access support at Camosun. The Office of Student Support will make sure students have a safe and private place to talk and will help them understand what supports are available and their options for next steps. The Office of Student Support respects a student's right to choose what is right for them. For more information see Camosun's Sexualized Violence and Misconduct Policy: http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.9.pdf and camosun.ca/sexual-violence. To contact the Office of Student Support: oss@camosun.ca or by phone: 250-370-3046 or 250-3703841

#### Student Misconduct (Non-Academic)

Camosun College is committed to building the academic competency of all students, seeks to empower students to become agents of their own learning, and promotes academic belonging for everyone. Camosun also expects that all students to conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to a positive, supportive, and safe learning environment. Please review Camosun College's Student Misconduct Policy at <a href="http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.5.pdf">http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.5.pdf</a> to understand the College's expectations of academic integrity and student behavioural conduct.

#### Looking for other policies?

The full suite of College policies and directives can be found here: <a href="https://camosun.ca/about/camosun-college-policies-and-directives">https://camosun.ca/about/camosun-college-policies-and-directives</a>

**Changes to this Syllabus:** Every effort has been made to ensure that information in this syllabus is accurate at the time of publication. The College reserves the right to change courses if it becomes necessary so that course content remains relevant. In such cases, the instructor will give the students clear and timely notice of the changes.