

**CIVIL PROCEDURE**  
**Laws 2061.05     Dalhousie Law School**

**Course Outline**  
**2008-2009**

**1.     Office Hours, etc.**

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Lectures: Mondays 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Office Hours: By appointment (e-mail best), or just drop in

**2.     Required Texts**

Thompson, Currie and Blaikie, Civil Procedure 2008-2009, 2 volumes

Civil Procedure Statutory Supplement 2008-2009

Nova Scotia Civil Procedure Rules, Butterworths, 2008-2009 Student Edition

Only the Statutory Supplement and the Rules can be used during the final exam, with highlighting, tabbing (for labeling purposes/5 word limit) and underlining permitted, but no marginal notations or other notes.

**3.     Workshops**

There will be 7 Workshops, each one hour in duration, in groups of approximately 10 students. In addition, each group will visit Supreme Court Chambers. The Workshops will be offered at various times and there will be a sign-up period announced in class. They will begin in mid October and continue through the winter term.

**4.     Evaluation**

Your Workshop Instructors will mark three assignments and the mock Chambers. The Workshop assignments will be evaluated by the Instructors on a scale from High Pass, Pass, Low Pass to Fail. One half a mark (.5) will be deducted from your Workshop mark for any Workshop missed without an acceptable excuse, up to a maximum of 3 marks out of 20.

Professors will mark two drafting assignments and the final exam. Assignments and exams marked by Professors will be given a numerical grade.

Failure to hand in any assignment will result in a grade of 0% for that assignment.

By Professors:

10%: Pleadings Assignment (fall)  
15%: Chambers Application Assignment (winter)  
55%: Final Examination, 3-hour closed book (April)

By Workshop Instructors:

20%: Drafting and Presentation Assignments:  
Chambers essay (3%); discovery application (5%); mock settlement conference (2%);  
mock Chambers (10%)

**5. General Texts for Reading and Reference**

**Canadian**

Abrams and McGuinness, Canadian Civil Procedure Law (Markham: LexisNexis, 2008)  
Crane and Brown, Supreme Court of Canada Practice 2008 (Toronto: Carswell, 2008)  
Meagher and Meagher, Civil Procedure Simplified (Toronto: Butterworths, 1983)  
Olah, The Art and Science of Advocacy (Toronto: Carswell, looseleaf, 1990-)  
Saunders *et al.*, Federal Courts Practice 2008 (Toronto: Carswell, 2007)  
Sopinka, Houston and Sopinka, The Trial of an Action, 2nd ed. (Toronto: Butterworths, 1998)  
Stockwood, Civil Litigation, 5th ed. (Toronto: Carswell, 2004)  
Stuesser, An Advocacy Primer, 3rd ed. (Toronto: Carswell, 2005)  
Walker *et al.*, The Civil Litigation Process: Cases and Materials, 6th ed. (Toronto: Emond Montgomery, 2005)  
Watson and Perkins, Holmsted and Watson: Ontario Civil Procedure (Toronto: Carswell, looseleaf, 1984-)  
Watson and McGowan, Ontario Civil Practice 2009 (Toronto: Carswell, 2008)

**English**

Casson and Dennis, Odgers' Principles of Pleading and Practice, 21st ed. (London: Stevens & Sons, 1975)  
Rose, Pleadings Without Tears: A Guide to Legal Drafting, 6th ed. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002)

**American**

Hazard and Taruffo, American Civil Procedure: An Introduction (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1993)  
Fleming, Hazard and Leubsdorf, Civil Procedure, 5th ed. (St. Paul: West, 2001)