

# **EFFECTIVE: SEPTEMBER, 2007 CURRICULUM GUIDELINES**

A.	Division:	Education	Eff	fective Date:		September 2007		
В.	Department / Program Area:	Commerce & Business Admin/ Office Administration	Re	vision	X	New Course		
C:	OADM 1433	D: Litigation P	Re Da Da	Revision, Section(s) vised: te of Previous Revision te of Current Revision ures II		Q March, 2005 March, 2007 <b>E:</b> 1.5		
	Subject & Course No.		Descri	criptive Title		Semester Credit	is .	
F:	Calendar Description:  This is a BCCampus online provincial course. Litigation Procedures II is a continuation of OADM 1432 Litigation Procedures I. This online course will continue the student's introduction to the role and responsibilities of the Legal Administrative Assistant employed in the field of civil litigation in British Columbia. Students will continue to gain knowledge and develop practical experience in the further handling of a civil litigation file, from the discovery process to procedures at trial, as well as post-trial procedures, including bills of costs and enforcement. This is a "hands-on" course in which the students integrate keyboard, computer, transcription and document formatting with knowledge of civil law.							
G:	/ Learning Setting	Allocation of Contact Hours to Type of Instruction / Learning Settings  Primary Methods of Instructional Delivery and/or Learning Settings:  Online lecture Online lab  Number of Contact Hours: (per week / semester for each descriptor)		Course Prerequisites:  OADM 1432				
				: Course Corequisites:				
	Online lab  Number of Cont			Nil  Course for which this Course is a Prerequisite  Nil				
	Lecture: 4 hours per week/30 hours per semester Lab: 4 hours per week/30 hours per semester		K:	Maximum Class Size	e:			
				24				
	Number of Weeks per Semester:							
	7½ weeks X 8 hours/week = 60 hours/semester							
L:	PLEASE INDIC	PLEASE INDICATE:						
	Non-Credi	Non-Credit						
	X College Cr	X College Credit Non-Transfer						
	College Cr	College Credit Transfer:						
	SEE BC TRANS	SEE BC TRANSFER GUIDE FOR TRANSFER DETAILS (www.bctransferguide.ca)						

# M: Course Objectives / Learning Outcomes

The learner has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

- 1. Prepare documentation for a civil action in the Supreme Court of BC from the discovery phase of the case through to the completion of the file and enforcement of the judgment.
- 2. Prepare the documentation necessary for a Chambers application.
- 3. Understand basic legal concepts which underpin the court system in BC and affect the daily work of a civil litigation law office.
- 4. Understand the environment of a law office and respond to some of the possible challenges in such an office including dealing with people in a law office, possible ethical challenges, and maintaining an appropriate professional appearance and demeanour.
- 5. Prepare correspondence, including a variety of different types of letters and memoranda, in mailable form.
- 6. Describe and understand each stage in a civil litigation proceeding from the discovery phase of the trial to the end of the file, including enforcement of the judgment and any Chambers hearings that may be required.
- 7. Utilize transcription skills and theory in preparing litigation documents.

#### **N:** Course Content:

## 1. Roles and Duties to be Performed by a Legal Administrative Assistant

- 1.1 Duties set out in the Law Society's Professional Conduct Handbook
- 1.2 Other requirements and restrictions

#### 2. Civil Court Documents

- 2.1 Parts of documents
- 2.2 Correct formatting, spelling, and legal terminology
- 2.3 Keying from draft or transcription

### 3. Civil Litigation Procedures

- 3.1 Handle Civil Litigation Actions
  - 3.1.1 set actions down for trial
  - 3.1.2 exchange documents and arrange discovery
  - 3.1.3 arrange pre-trial proceedings
  - 3.1.4 prepare and enter orders
  - 3.1.5 complete assessment and billing
  - 3.1.6 arrange for enforcement and collection
  - 3.1.7 handle settlements, dismissals, and discontinuances
  - 3.1.8 handle interlocutory applications
  - 3.1.9 amend documents

#### 3.2 Civil Litigation Matters

- 3.2.1 prepare and handle petitions and praecipes
- 3.2.2 prepare and handle appearances
- 3.2.3 prepare for hearings
- 3.2.4 prepare and enter orders

#### **O:** Methods of Instruction

Communication between instructor and students will be conducted online using WebCT e-mail, discussion, chat utilities, guided practices, assignments, and case studies. Students will work both independently and collaboratively to learn and apply procedures and tasks carried on in a legal office. Both learning activities and evaluations will be structured to stress problem solving, accuracy, and working within time constraints.

		Textbooks and Materials to be Purchased by Students					
	Evin Ross. Guide to Civil Litigation, Current Ed.						
	Colvin, Carole and Sheila Paige. Litigation Precedents, Latest Ed., Douglas College						
. WAV pedal & computer headphones are required for digital transcription activities.							
Q:	Means of Assessment						
	Production—document production Mid-term exam Final exam Participation	50% 20% 20% 					
R:							
	This course is open for PLAR.						
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