

**FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA**  
**2024-25 COURSE REGISTRATION - PRELIMINARY COURSE INFORMATION (PCIS)<sup>1</sup>**

<b>COURSE</b>	LAW 307B Civil Procedure with Drafting
<b>UNIT VALUE</b>	2.0 Units (4 hours of instruction per week)
<b>INSTRUCTORS</b>	Stephen King and Meghan Butler
<b>TERM OFFERED</b>	Fall 2024
<b>CLASS TIMES</b>	See schedule
<b>PREREQUISITES/COREQUISITE</b>	LAW 307B is a recommended pre- or corequisite for LAW 355 Legal Skills

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The course will introduce students to the *Supreme Court Civil Rules* ("*Rules*"), how and when to apply certain *Rules*, and further develop their legal drafting and oral advocacy skills within the context of the *Rules*. The course will also briefly consider the *Court of Appeal Rules*, the *Small Claims Rules* and the Civil Resolution Tribunal of British Columbia.

The course will be structured around the development of fundamental legal skills, including drafting documents necessary to advance and defend claims before the Supreme Court of British Columbia. Topics will include choice of proceeding, service of documents, initiating pleadings, responsive pleadings, counterclaims, third party claims, default judgment, case planning conferences, amendments of pleadings, change of parties, discovery procedures, applications and chambers proceedings, formal offers to settle, summary disposition of claims, expert evidence, costs and procedures at trial.

### **COURSE OBJECTIVE**

1. To acquire knowledge of civil procedure, drafting skills and advocacy as applicable to civil procedure.
2. To understand the function of procedural rules in the pursuit of rights and remedies, and ultimately in the pursuit of justice.

### **TEACHING METHODOLOGY**

The course will include lectures by the instructors and guest lecturers, group exercises, drafting and oral advocacy assignments, as well as attendance in Supreme Court chambers.

No students will be allowed to complete a major paper in this course.

### **EXPECTED EVALUATION METHODOLOGY**

The students will be required to complete 3 to 5 drafting assignments, speak to a (mock) chambers application, write a report of cases heard in Supreme Court chambers, as well as one or two in-class quizzes. There will be no final exam in this course.

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<sup>1</sup> The information in this document is provided for course registration purposes only and is **subject to change**. More detailed course information about course content and evaluation will be provided upon the commencement of the course. Students seeking additional information about the course prior to its commencement may contact the instructor or, if no instructor is listed, Law Student Services ([law.studentservices@uvic.ca](mailto:law.studentservices@uvic.ca)).