

## Course Outline

**COURSE:** LAWS 4209B

**TERM:** Winter 2012

**PREREQUISITES:** Per calendar

**CLASS:**      **Day & Time:** Thursdays 6:05 PM to 8:55 PM  
                         **Room:** Please check with Carleton Central for current room location

**INSTRUCTOR:** Sam Schwisberg  
**(CONTRACT)**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** The course will introduce students to the laws of Canada that govern or affect not for profit organizations and charities. The course will deal with contemporary and practical issues. The mandatory text for the course will serve as an outline of the major legal issues and serve as a framework for the consideration of topical issues and policy discussions. Supplemental materials will be periodically distributed during the seminars to permit fuller consideration of some of the major issues and to update the text given, new, proposed and evolving guidance from the Canada Revenue Agency governing charities and the recently proclaimed federal Not for Profit Corporations Act, as well as new Ontario laws.

**SEMINAR FORMAT:** The Instructor will facilitate discussion, but the objective is to encourage a considerable degree of class participation and dialogue. The expectation is that students will have read the assigned readings prior to the seminars. Supplementary materials may be introduced at the seminars from time to time to encourage deeper consideration of the key issues and to update the assigned text. The supplementary materials will be especially important since there has been a significant degree of change in this area of law since the text was first published in 2002.

**EVALUATION:**

**(All components must be completed in order to get a passing grade)**

Essay	20%	
Mid Term Examination	20%	
Participation	10%	
Final Examination:	50%	(3 hours)

**REQUIRED TEXT:** Donald J. Bourgeois, The Law of Charitable and Not-for-Profit Organizations, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, (Lexis Nexis Butterworths, 2002).

**SYLLABUS:** The table of contents of the above text supplemented orally by the Instructor throughout the term and by selected reading materials available on the Web, as periodically assigned.

**OBJECTIVE:** The student will gain a good understanding of the key legal issues in an intellectually stimulating and entertaining environment.

**ESSAY:** All essays are due on **March 29 2012**. Students may choose to submit a first draft to the Professor no later than March 15 by email in Word. The professor will give the student feedback by March 22 so the student may take corrective measures to improve the paper based on the feedback, if necessary.

## **SCHEDULE**

<b><u>Week</u></b>	<b><u>Reading</u></b>
January 5	Introduction
January 12	<u>Bourgeois</u> , Chapter 1
January 19	<u>Bourgeois</u> , Chapter 2
January 26	<u>Bourgeois</u> , Chapter 3
February 2	<u>Bourgeois</u> , Chapter 4
February 9	<u>Bourgeois</u> , Chapter 5
February 16	<u>MID TERM EXAMINATION</u>
February 23	<u>WINTER BREAK</u>
March 1	<u>Bourgeois</u> , Chapter 6
March 8	<u>Bourgeois</u> , Chapter 7
March 15	<u>Bourgeois</u> , Chapter 8
March 22	<u>Bourgeois</u> , Chapter 9
March 29	<u>Bourgeois</u> , Chapter 10
April 5	Review