

Course Outline

COURSE:	LAWS 4209B – Topics in Business Law: Law of Charities & Not-For-Profit Organizations
PREREQUISITES:	Fourth year Honours standing and one of LAWS 2201, LAWS 2202
TERM:	Winter 2010-11
CLASS:	Day & Time: Mondays from 2:35 to 5:25 Room: Please check with Carleton Central for current room location
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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.

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 over the last period of time.

EVALUATION: (All components must be completed to pass this course)

Essay	40%
Participation	10%
Final Examination:	50% (3 hours)

REQUIRED TEXT:

Donald J. Bourgeois, The Law of Charitable and Not-for-Profit Organizations, 3rd 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 28. Students not comfortable speaking in class may opt out of the Participation Mark on or before March 21 and choose instead to meet with me on March 28 for a 10 minute discussion during which the student will be asked to defend his or her paper. If more than half of the class selects this option, it will be necessary to conduct some of these interviews on April 4 or at a mutually convenient time at Loeb D476.

ALL STUDENT WORK IS SUBJECT TO THE CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE CARLETON UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE CALENDAR (2010-2011) AND TO THIS COURSE OUTLINE.

LECTURES AND READING SCHEDULE

<u>Week</u>		<u>Reading</u>
January	3	Introduction
January	10	<u>Bourgeois</u> , Chapter 1
January	17	<u>Bourgeois</u> , Chapter 2
January	24	<u>Bourgeois</u> , Chapter 3
January	31	<u>Bourgeois</u> , Chapter 4
February	7	<u>Bourgeois</u> , Chapter 5
February	14	<u>Bourgeois</u> , Chapter 6
February	21	WINTER BREAK
February	28	<u>Bourgeois</u> , Chapter 7
March	7	<u>Bourgeois</u> , Chapter 8
March	14	<u>Bourgeois</u> , Chapter 9
March	21	<u>Bourgeois</u> , Chapter 10
March	28	Essay Interviews
April	4	Review