

BUNDLE OF FOUR ADOVCACY COURSES, 2022-23

Details on how to register for the 2022-23 Bundle will be sent out likely in late May or early June.

The Advocacy “Bundle” consists of four courses, Civil Procedure, Trial Advocacy, Evidence and Appellate Advocacy. These are offered to a single group of about 64 upper year students in 2022-23. The main goal of the Bundle is to link the substantive law courses, civil procedure, and evidence, with practical trial and appellate advocacy applications. The courses are taught on an integrated basis. Completing the Bundle satisfies your upper year Civil Procedure and “Advocacy” course requirements plus a course in evidence. While not mandatory, most students at uOttawa do take evidence. Students who register in the “Bundle” get priority access to the following four courses. While the Bundle is open to students entering 2L or 3L, our experience is that most students in the bundle are in 2L.

Fall Term:

1. Civil Procedure (CML 2309 – 3 Credits) – Instructor: TBA
2. Trial Advocacy (CML 3154 or CML 3158 – 3 Credits)

CML3154C - Profs. Vasu Naik & Karin Stein (Wednesday 7-10pm)

CML3154E - Profs. David Elliott and TBA (Wed. 7-10 pm)

CML3154F - Profs. Stephen Kurelek and Michael Crystal (Wed. 7-10pm)

CML3158A – Profs. Eric Granger and Justice Kevin Phillips (Wed. 7 -10 pm)

Winter Term:

4. Evidence (CML 3303C – 3 Credits) – Prof. Stephen Blair
Tuesdays, 10:30 to 12:30; Wednesdays, 5-7 pm
5. Appellate Advocacy (CML 2101- 3 Credits – Tuesdays and Thursdays 7-9pm (all sections)

CML2101B- Prof. Karin Stein

CML2101C – Prof. Michael Davies

CML2101D – Prof. Eric Granger

CML2101E – Prof Cory Giordano

(Course descriptions are on the next page)

CML 2309 C – Civil Procedure (Fall Term) – 3 cr.

A general overview of the law of civil procedure, reflecting existing and proposed Rules of Practice. “Cause of action” and basic jurisdictional concepts and courts hierarchy. Consideration from consultation through originating process, service, pleadings, pre-trial and trial procedures. Summary and interlocutory motions and default proceedings. Aspects of judgments, costs and appeals. Parties including joinder, set-off and counterclaim and third-party steps in an action.

**CML 3154 B, C, D – Trial Advocacy – Civil Cases (Fall Term) – (3 cr.) or
CML 3158A – Criminal Trial Advocacy (Fall Term) – 3 cr.**

Acquisition of basic trial advocacy skills using time-tested techniques for the presentation of evidence in court. Topics include case analysis, opening and closing statements, examination-in-chief, cross-examination and impeachment, qualification, and examination of expert witnesses, entering and marking of exhibits and the use of discovery transcripts and documents at trial.

All exercises have an embedded objective: strategic thinking when presenting your case in court. Various exercises pertinent to CML2309C, Civil Procedure, will be undertaken.

CML 2101 B, C, D or F – Appellate Advocacy (Winter Term) – 3 cr.

Brief lecture format with demonstrations. Course emphasis is on practical “how to” exercises and assignments done by the students. Working alone and in pairs, students will undertake various weekly in-class appellate advocacy exercises. To a large extent, these will be directly related to topics covered in other advocacy bundle courses. The main student exercises are preparation of an appellate factum followed by end of term oral arguments before panels of three “judges” (practicing lawyers).

CML 3303C – The Law of Evidence (Winter Term) – 3 cr.

The introductory course will include an examination of the sources of admissible information, including oral evidence, exhibits and “judicial notice.” Both law and technique will be considered. The course will also focus on the rules and theories of admissibility pertaining to hearsay evidence, character evidence, opinion evidence, and the law of privilege. As evidence is an applied subject, the emphasis in evaluation is on comprehension of concepts and on the ability to apply the law to fact situations. The oral and written exercises that students will be doing in CML2101 (Appellate Advocacy) will greatly assist in this regard.

For more information or if you have questions about the Bundle, please contact Prof. Blair, sblair@uottawa.ca