

LAWS 7043 ADVOCACY

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 201063

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Description This subject imparts basic courtroom trial skills giving practice in applying substantive law, practice, procedure and evidence in a simulated courtroom. It also explores both professional and ethical issues involved in the courtroom. Students will engage with advocacy techniques and problem solving and reflect on advocacy problems such as those in leading cases and trial transcripts. Enrolment in this subject is limited owing to the practical nature of the subject.

School Law

Discipline Legal Practice

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

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Level Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

Co-requisite(s) LAWS 7049

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in program 2826 Juris Doctor and successful completion of 80 credit points of Juris Doctor core subjects. Enrolment in the subject is by invitation only following a call for expressions of interest and a merit selection process. Classes are kept small due to the practical nature of the subject. Students must be enrolled in a postgraduate program.

Assumed Knowledge

Good communication skills; including the ability to construct a coherent argument and write in a manner that is grammatically correct.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Exhibit legal professional ethics and behaviour;
2. Exhibit the essential requirements of good advocacy in multiple contexts;
3. Analyse case studies succinctly, logically and accurately;
4. Critically reflect on the conceptual, ethical and practical aspects of advocacy;
5. Present the oral distillation of a case analysis in a polite, polished and persuasive fashion;
6. Present written submissions which professionally articulate legal argumentation.

Subject Content

- introduction to Advocacy
- Interlocutory Advocacy: Civil
- Interlocutory Advocacy: criminal
- some special types of criminal Advocacy
- case theory
- Evidentiary and procedural Issues in practice
- Trial Advocacy: Opening and Examination-in-Chief
- Trial Advocacy: cross-Examination

- Appellate Advocacy

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Reflection	1500 words or equivalent	30	N	Individual	N
Professional Task	20 minutes in total	30	N	Individual	N
Professional Task	Oral submissions: 30 minutes in total. Written submissions: 1000 words	40	N	Individual	N

Teaching Periods

Spring (2025)

Parramatta - Victoria Rd

On-site

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