

**EDUCATION 445-4**  
**The Legal Context of Teaching: Contemporary Issues**

Summer 1988 Regular Session  
Tuesdays, 5:30 - 9:20  
Location: MPX 8651

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Prerequisite: *Education 401/2 or the equivalent of a first year practicum.*

Course Description:

This course is designed to provide education students, teachers, counsellors, and school administrators with a comprehensive understanding of the legal issues and potential legal liabilities encountered in the B. C. public school system. Special attention is devoted to the legal dimensions and consequences of routine classroom and administrative activity. The following issues will be explored:

- 1) Teacher Discipline and Bill 20
- 2) Negligence and Supervisory Activity
- 3) Educational Malpractice
- 4) Responsibility for Curriculum Fulfillment
- 5) Liability for Student Discipline
- 6) Liability Outside School Hours
- 7) Sexual Abuse by School Board Employees
- 8) The AIDS Controversy and the Role of the School

The course also provides a basic introduction to the legal terminology used in the lectures and seminars and does not require prior knowledge of the Canadian legal system or the law.

Required Text:

T. A. Sussel. Issues in Law and Education: A Reader on the Legal Context of Teaching, (to be distributed in class).

Texts on Reserve:

W. MacKay, Education Law in Canada (Toronto: Montgomery Edmonds, 1984).

M. Manley-Casimir & T. Sussel, Courts in the Classroom (Calgary, Detselig Press, 1986).