

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

EDUCATION 445-4

THE LEGAL CONTEXT OF TEACHING: CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

Regular Summer Semester, 1989
(May 8 - August 4)
Tuesday, 5:30 - 9:20 p.m.
Location: MPX 7504

Instructor: Terri Sussel
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PREREQUISITE:

Education 401/402 or the equivalent of first year practicum.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to provide education students, teachers, counsellors and administrative officers 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. Topics to be discussed will include:

- * the new School Act and Teaching Profession Act
- * negligence and supervisory activity
- * educational malpractice
- * copyright laws and school liability
- * student discipline and due process
- * sexual abuse by school board employees
- * the AIDS crisis and school personnel
- * teacher discipline and union grievances
- * civil rights of teachers.

The course also provides students with a basic introduction to the legal terminology used in the lectures and seminars. No prior knowledge of the law or legal system is required.

REQUIRED TEXT:

Alex J. Proudfoot and Lawrence Hutchinson, Teacher Beware: A Legal Primer for the Classroom Teacher (Calgary: Detselig Press, 1988).

TEXTS ON RESERVE:

A. Wayne Mackay, Education Law in Canada (Toronto: Edmonds Montgomery, 1984).

M. E. Manley-Casimir and T. A. Sussel, Courts in the Classroom: Education and the Charter of Rights (Calgary: Detselig Press, 1986).

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Students will be evaluated on the basis of class participation (20%), an in-class presentation (40%), and a research paper (40%).