

PART-TIME LLM SPECIALIZING IN TRUSTS LAW

The 2007 Program

Director: David Steele, Torys LLP

In recent years trusts have grown in sophistication, economic importance and variety. The Part-time LLM specializing in Trusts Law is designed to give lawyers who are involved in trusts, pensions or estates an opportunity to examine trust law at a deeper level. Students who complete this program will be able to play a leading role in the future creative development of the use of trusts in society by acquiring a sophisticated set of appropriate legal skills and knowledge.

Courses will be offered in a combination of intensive (consecutive full days), weekly and video-conferencing or other distance formats. Students generally take approximately 2 years to complete this specialization.

Courses in this program are developed for and taught at the graduate level. It will be assumed that students have a basic knowledge of trusts law. This does not mean that candidates who lack this background will be denied admission, or that they will not be successful in the offering; however, they will be expected to work on their own to obtain the required background knowledge. A very limited number of places are available for candidates who do not have an LLB degree (or equivalent) but have extensive experience and equivalent qualifications.

THE CURRICULUM

The courses are being offered over a two-year period, commencing in the Fall of 2007. To accommodate the various interests and backgrounds of the participants, the courses combine overviews of particular areas with an in-depth look at specific practical and policy issues. To complete the program students must obtain 30 academic credits and complete a major research paper (at least 70 pages in length) or complete 36 credits through coursework only. The courses will be taught using a variety of methodologies. Participants are expected to complete the reading assignments, contribute to a discussion of the materials for each class, and attend at least 80 percent of the total lecture time of the classes in each course. The program will consist of courses such as:

Overview of the Law of Trusts (6 Credits)

Trust Law in Context: Uses of Trusts in Pension and Employee Benefit Arrangements (4.5 Credits)

Law of Fiduciaries (4.5 Credits)

Selected Issues in the Administration of Trusts and Estates (6 Credits)

Taxation of Trusts (6 Credits)

Trust Law in Context: Trusts in Commercial Settings (4.5 Credits)

Charitable Trusts (4.5 Credits)

TUITION FEES

Part-time LLM specializations are charged on a program, rather than course basis. All fees are subject to change at any time. The comprehensive program fee is \$17,280 for the entire two-year program, payable in six instalments of \$2,880. Students taking longer than 24 months to complete the program will be assessed additional fees. The program fee consists of tuition and all other costs associated with the delivery of the program except the Faculty of Graduate Studies administrative fee of \$15. The costs for the program includes such things as course materials and course material development including digitizing, research, handouts; streaming audio/video; website development and maintenance; IT staff; catering; courier; postage; additional night staff etc.

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