

ANNOUNCEMENT

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New Course - The Law of Crown

The course is primarily designed to provide students with the legal theory behind the artificial construct known as “the Crown”. However, the course will have a strong practical element as well, since we will look at issues such as crown liability in tort and contract, the Crown as fiduciary, class actions, public interest litigation, the royal prerogative, crown conventions, crown immunities, and “unwritten rules”, or conventions, which further define the legal idea of “The Crown”. The methodology of the course will be to use practical, theoretical, and historical examples to stimulate discussion on various issues. Students are asked to think about whether the traditional concept of “The Crown” is in keeping with contemporary constitutional realities, including the controversial role of the Supreme Court of Canada in its interpretation of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The course will be taught by Tom Schneider, who has been with the Crown’s office for approximately 20 years (of Osgoode Hall Law School). The course schedule is yet to be determined and will be posted shortly. We will provide further updates and details as they become known.