

Course Title: **Legal Ethics**

Course Code: **LAWS706**

Descriptor Start Date: **01/01/2022**

POINTS: **15.00**

LEVEL: **7**

PREREQUISITE/S: **LAWS798**

COREQUISITE/S: **None**

RESTRICTION/S: **417402**

## LEARNING HOURS

Hours may include lectures, tutorials, online forums, laboratories. Refer to your timetable and course information in Canvas for detailed information.

**Total learning hours: 150**

## PRESCRIPTOR

Legal ethics and professional responsibility: an introduction to ethical analysis and theories of ethics; the applicability of ethical and professional duties of practitioners (which will include, among other topics, conflicts of interest, confidentiality, duties to the Court, duties of loyalty and fidelity); the wider responsibilities of lawyers in the community.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Explain and evaluate the concept of ethics and the need to have rules of ethics in the legal profession.
2. Explain the sources of ethical rules applicable in the legal profession.
3. Apply relevant ethical principles to a range of situations.

## CONTENT

An introduction to ethical analysis and theories of ethics;  
The applicability of ethical analysis to legal practice;  
The concept of a profession and the ethical responsibilities of practitioners to the legal system;  
The wider responsibilities of lawyers in the community;  
Conflicts of interest;  
Rules on confidentiality;  
Duties to the court over and above those owed to one's client;  
Duties of loyalty and fidelity;  
The 'cab rank' rule;  
The additional obligations imposed on prosecuting counsel.

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## LEARNING & TEACHING STRATEGIES

An appropriate range of strategies that may include lectures, workshops & online learning.

## ASSESSMENT PLAN

| Assessment Event          | Weighting % | Learning Outcomes |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Essay (Individual)        | 25.00       | 1-3               |
| Examination ( Individual) | 75.00       | 1-3               |

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| <b>Grade Map</b> | <b>MAP1</b>                   |
|                  | A+ A A- Pass with Distinction |
|                  | B+ B B- Pass with Merit       |
|                  | C+ C C- Pass                  |
|                  | D Fail                        |

**Overall requirement/s to pass the course:**

## LEARNING RESOURCES

Details of all learning resources (including journals, databases, websites etc) are available on Canvas. Required Text(s): If there is a required text, details are available by searching the University Bookshop's website: [www.ubs.co.nz](http://www.ubs.co.nz)

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**Principal Programme:** AK1008, Bachelor of Laws

**Related Programme/s:** AK1009 LLB(Hons), AK2601 CertLegalSt

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