

# ***TANTRAMAR SENIORS' COLLEGE***

## ***Course Outline for "Of Legal Interest" For Seniors and Everybody***

***Instructor: Morris J. Haugg, Q.C.***

***2010 ( Spring Session)***

The Course will be held on Wednesday evenings, April 28<sup>th</sup> , May 5<sup>th</sup> , May 12<sup>th</sup> , May 19<sup>th</sup> , May 26<sup>th</sup> , June 2<sup>nd</sup> , June 9 at 7:00 p.m. for 2 hours. It will be held at the Hicks, LeMoine Board Room, 15 Princess Street, Amherst.

Morris has practiced law with the firm since 1970. He was a partner from 1972 until 2006. He now works three days a week as Senior Counsel to the firm. He is confining his practice to Estate Planning, Trusts and Probate work, as well as Real Estate transactions.

In addition to the practice of law, Morris lectured in Commercial Law at Mount Allison for 22years. He acted as Small Claims Court Adjudicator for 10 years, as well as Secretary and Chair of the Environmental Control Council of Nova Scotia.

Charles A Ellis was educated in Springhill and attended Dalhousie University from which he received his B.A. in 1977. He attended Dalhousie Law School from which he received his LLB in 1980. He was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar in 1980 and to the New Brunswick Bar in 1986. Charles I an Assistant Crown Attorney. His preferred areas of practice are: Family Law, Real Estate Law, Wills, Estates and Corporate Commercial

### **Detailed Course Outline:**

#### **Lecture One: Law and The Legal System**

- Where did laws come from?
- How are laws made?
- Purpose of a legal system
- The role of the courts
- The court system in Canada
- The legal profession

#### **Lecture Two: The Constitution and the Charter**

- What is Canada's Constitution?
- Division of power in Canada
- What is Canada's Charter?

- How the Charter has changed Canada
- Parliament versus the Supreme Court

### **Lecture Three: Criminal & Family Law- Charles Ellis**

- The difference between Federal Criminal and Provincial Criminal
- Types of offences
- Arrest, summons and compelling attendance
- Classification of Courts
- Information and indictments
- Youth Criminal Justice Act
- Charter and criminal law
  
- Separation and divorce
- Matrimonial property act
- The common-law relationship
- Adult protection act

### **Lecture Four: Estate Planning/Preparing for Death**

- What is a will?
- Intestate succession
- Alternates to a will
- Limitations to will-making
- Charitable giving

### **Lecture Five: More Preparation and Probate**

- The threat of the nursing home
- “Living Will”
- Power of Attorney
- Funeral and other pre-planning
- Organ donation
- The probate process

### **Lecture Six: Property Law**

- Real estate/personal property
- Easements and other rights
- Ownership problems
- The old and new registry system
- The landlord and tenant relationship
- The mortgage

**Lecture Seven: Torts and Negligence**

- Intentional torts
- Negligence
- Accidents
- Professional negligence
- Contributory negligence
- Assumption of risk

**Requirements: Notebook and pen are all that is required. There is no textbook or any other materials that need to be purchased.**

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**Thank you!**