

# **“OF LEGAL INTEREST” For Seniors and Everybody**

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION Spring 2011**

The course consists of seven weekly two-hour evening sessions, covering various legal fields such as Estate Planning, Probate and Elder Law issues, Torts and Negligence, Family Law, Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, History of Law, Real Estate Law. Each session will take the form of a lecture, followed by questions and an open discussion. Presented by Morris J. Haugg, Q.C., with one guest lecture by Charles Ellis. A biographical sketch on the presenters is attached.

**When:** The course will be given on Wednesday evenings, from 7 to 9 p.m., starting with April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Where:** At the Hicks, LeMoine Board Room, 15 Princess Street, Amherst, unless an enrollment over 12 requires a larger space.

**Enrollment Restrictions:** Minimum of 6.

### **Course Outline**

**Lecture One:** **Law and The Legal System**  
(April 20, 2011)

- 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:**  
(April 27, 2011)

**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:**  
(May 4, 2011)

**Estate Planning/Preparing for Death**

- What is a Will?
- Intestate Succession
- Alternates to a Will
- Limitations to Will-making.
- Charitable Giving.

**Lecture Four:**  
(May 11, 2011)

**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 Five:**  
(May 18, 2011)

**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 Six:**  
(May 25, 2011)

**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 & Criminal Law
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- Separation and Divorce
- Matrimonial Property Act
- The Common-Law Relationship
- Adult Protection Act

**Lecture Seven:**  
(June 1, 2011)

**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.**

**Morris J. Haugg, Q.C.** - 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 22 years. He acted as a Small Claims Court Adjudicator for 10 years, as well as Secretary and Chair of the Environmental Control Council of Nova Scotia.

One of Morris' passions is community service. He has received several awards, and recognitions, including the Queen's Jubilee Medal. He has been active in organizations, commissions and committees, too numerous to set forth, although his membership in and service through the Rotary Club of Amherst for 40 years require mention.

**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 is an Assistant Crown Attorney. His preferred areas of practice are: Family Law, Real Estate Law, Wills, Estates and Corporate Commercial.

Charles is a member of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, Canadian Bar Association and the Cumberland Barristers' Association and has held all Executive positions within that organization.

Charles is a member and Past-President of the Springhill Rotary Club. He is Past-president of the Junction Road Elementary Home & School Association. Charles is very active with minor hockey and soccer serving as a coach with various teams.