



Created by Lawyers for Lawyers!

Our school has been designed from the perspective of the student!

We understand firsthand the challenges of learning & using a second language in your profession! We strive to make learning as interesting and enjoyable as possible! Our courses are organized to include formal, informal and recreational activities.

The keys to learning a second language

- Are motivation and interest in communicating with others, and
- using the language as much as possible.

Our courses include formal language instruction and situations designed to promote practical interest and learning. These include

- court visits
- meetings with judges & lawyers
- informal conversations with law students & lawyers
- home stays in the homes of lawyers
- introduction to legal research on the internet

What makes us unique?

Our program is unique. It focuses on practical legal communication skills. **Our teachers are experienced lawyers** who will help participants gain insight into the Common law system—often using examples from their own practice.. Our program includes coursework, mock trials, and visits to the courts, law firms and other legal institutions.

Participants will have the opportunity to meet many local practitioners in both formal and informal settings. They will learn to understand the Common law legal culture and make new friends among its lawyers.

Our program is designed to ensure lawyers are taught by lawyers, and:

- To promote practical learning through field trips and social outings with Canadian lawyers & judges & homestays in the homes of lawyers
- To build legal communication skills through role playing activities

- To ensure maximum individual attention in a small group setting (maximum 8).
- To include formal, informal and recreational activities.

Who Can Benefit?

Our initial courses are designed for those with more advanced English language skills. However, we are allied with [Rainbow College](#) which offers excellent basic language training for professionals. Once an advanced intermediate level is achieved, students may do our specialized legal coursework.

Our company specializes in teaching legal English to professionals who need to use legal English as a working language. We offer an opportunity to learn for lawyers, judges, officials & professional interpreters who wish:

- to act for English speaking clients.
- to prepare contracts, letters and other written legal documents in English.
- to conduct court proceedings in English,
- to improve their oral communication skills in a legal context

Our instructors are Canadian lawyers with many years practical and teaching experience. They are extremely well-respected and integrated in the local legal community. They will help participants communicate more effectively in English within a legal context

Why Vancouver? Why Canada?

Vancouver, a world class city of 1 million people, is safe, modern and stunningly beautiful! On the Pacific ocean, with mountains nearby, Vancouver offers:

- a leading centre for English language training, with highly trained teachers and professional well-equipped schools
- excellent opportunities for leisure activities at the end of the work day--
Vancouver is full of life!
- incredible views of oceans, forests, gardens & mountains
- a wide choice of outdoor activities-skiing, sailing, golf, hiking, walks by the ocean or through the forests, gardens or parks.
- excellent restaurants and entertainment including concerts, theatre and many festivals.
- lawyers who are open & interested in meeting colleagues from around the world.

Our advantages include:

- **A Canadian dollar valued at 60% of the US Dollar--Your money buys more!**
- **Canada is safe and secure, Canadians are polite, respectful & welcoming!**
- The Canadian legal system is similar to the American and English legal systems, our spoken accent is similar to the accent of Americans.

- The Canadian educational level is extremely high!

Core Courses

1. Introductory Legal English

English Level Required-Advanced Intermediate

Maximum 8 students per class. Course length: 2 weeks

2002 Start Dates: July 15/02, August 12/02, October 14/02, November 4/02, Dec. 2/02

This is an intensive course designed and taught by practising lawyers experienced in teaching. The emphasis is on communication and language skills including:

- legal vocabulary expansion & communication skills --eliciting facts, presenting information in person and on the telephone.
- reading skills-understanding the words and the overall meaning.

Areas covered include:

- The history of legal English & development of the common law.
- The difference between regular English & legal English-- some of the ancient language regularly used in legal documents
- The differences between Common law and Civil law systems and how they influence our perspectives.
- Contract terminology-introduction to how contracts are formed and interpreted at common law
- Legal research--how to access English language legal websites from your home country.
- The differing perspectives & expectations of English language business cultures.
- Introductory trust & tax terminology.
- Role playing and presentation skills.

2. Legal English for International Commercial Transactions

English Level Required--Advanced

Maximum 8 students per class. Course length: 2 weeks

2002 Start Dates: September 16/02, October 14/02, November 4/02, December 2/02

This is an intensive course designed and taught by Barbara Beveridge. The course focuses on the legal English used in international commercial transactions and includes:

- legal vocabulary
- communication skills - exchanging information in person and in writing
- reading skills - understanding the language of international contracts written in English and analysing the structure of these documents
- contract drafting

Areas covered include:

- an introduction to the differences between Civil law and Common law systems.
- an introduction to the language and format of Common law contracts
- an overview of different types of contracts for international transactions - franchises, agency agreements, distribution agreements, licensing & joint ventures
- an introduction to the common terminology found in license agreements, franchise agreements, agency and distribution agreements.
- the drafting of an international arbitration clause
- advising foreign clients on local law - both orally and in writing
- legal opinions - understanding the standard terminology used in opinions regularly required in international transactions

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