



Course Code LAW-431	Course Title Law of Evidence (Cyprus) I	ECTS Credits 6
Department Law	Semester Fall	Prerequisites One from, either LAW-324/6 or LAW-392, and LAW-384
Type of Course Law Elective	Field Law	Language of Instruction Greek
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Year of Study 4 th	Lecturer(s) Elias A. Stephanou
Mode of Delivery Face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

The law of evidence is one of the most important basic tools any law student thinking of practising needs to acquire. This initial semester will focus on the procedure being followed in Cyprus Courts, the burden of proof, the role of the witness and illegally obtained evidence.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Discuss a thorough and applied knowledge of the basic concepts of evidence and of the terminology used.
2. Analyze and distinguish between the various standards of evidential proof required and comprehend and appreciate the importance of such distinctions.
3. Express a command of the procedural issues of producing evidence, of the witness system, and of the competence and compellability of witnesses and of the course of evidence.
4. Identify when evidence is improperly obtained and analyze the legal status of such evidence.
5. Identify which facts can be proved with evidence and which facts are proved without the need of evidence.
6. Identify, assess and evaluate corroboration evidence.
7. Locate proper evidentiary form objections in a court proceeding including objections based on principles of authentication of evidence, illegally obtained evidence and impeachment evidence.
8. State a reasoned legal decision.

Course Content:

1. Introduction and an overview of procedure and evidence.
2. Procedural issues of evidence adduced in Court
3. Facts requiring proof and judicial findings as evidence (Facts in issue and facts relevant to the issue)
4. Facts not requiring proof and judicial findings as evidence (presumptions, judicial notice, admissions, inferences)
5. Burdens of Proof
6. Witness examination procedure (direct examination, cross examination and re- examination)
7. Corroboration Evidence
8. Illegally obtained evidence

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Interactive lectures, tutorials, written examinations, classroom presentations and assignments

Assessment Methods:

One presentation on cases on Illegally obtained evidence (10/12/2010), mid-term exam 5/11/2010, final exam

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year
Γ.Π. Κακογιάννης	<i>Η Απόδειξη, Το δίκαιο της Απόδειξης όπως εφαρμόζεται στην Κύπρο,</i>	<i>Picalco Publishers Ltd,</i>	1983,
Τ. Ηλιάδη,	<i>Το Δίκαιο της Απόδειξης (Μια πρακτική προσέγγιση),</i>		1994
Peter Murphy,	<i>Murphy on Evidence 10th ed.</i>	Oxford Press	2008

Recommended Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year
Cross and Tapper;	<i>On Evidence, 10th edition,</i>	Butterworths,	2004
Murphy;	<i>Evidence, Proof and Facts – A Book of Sources, 1st edition,</i>	<i>Blackstones,</i>	2003.