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University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Course Code LAW-432	Course Title Law of Evidence (Cyprus) II	ECTS Credits 6
Department Law	Semester SPRING	Prerequisites LAW-431
Type of Course Law Elective	Field Law	Language of Instruction Greek
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Year of Study 4th	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 continues with good emphasis placed on the law relating to hearsay in the Cypriot legal system. The semester will begin by focusing on the presentation of evidence in court and conclude with the production of documents.

Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Express a thorough and applied knowledge of the basic concepts of circumstantial evidence.
2. Assess and evaluate similar facts evidence and character evidence.
3. Discuss the procedural issues of producing evidence, of the witness system, and of the course of evidence.
4. Explain estoppel and privilege evidence.
5. Assess and evaluate hearsay evidence, acknowledge the historical background and justification, as well as how the law stands today.
6. Appraise, assess and evaluate corroboration evidence.
7. Discuss confessions, assess the procedure in police stations, and to evaluate the Judge's Rules and the admissibility of confessions in Court.
8. Express a thorough and applied knowledge of the basic concepts of extrinsic evidence and opinion (expert) evidence.
9. State a reasoned legal decision.

Course Content:

1. Circumstantial Evidence
2. Facts relevant to the issue: similar facts evidence and character
3. Estoppel and privilege
4. Hearsay evidence: the law

5. Hearsay evidence: statutory and common-law exceptions
6. Confessions: the Judges Rules and admissibility of evidence
7. Extrinsic evidence
8. Opinion

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

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

Assessment Methods:

One presentation on cases on Hearsay Evidence and Confessions, mid-term exam and final exam.

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year
Γ.Π. Κακογιάννης	Η Απόδειξη, Το δίκαιο της Απόδειξης όπως εφαρμόζεται στην Κύπρο,	Picalco Publishers Ltd,	1983,
Τ. Ηλιάδη,	Το Δίκαιο της Απόδειξης (Μια πρακτική προσέγγιση),		1994
Peter Murphy	Murphy on Evidence (11 th edition)	Oxford	2009

Recommended Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year
Colin Tapper (ed.)	Cross & Tapper on Evidence (12 th edition)	Oxford	2010
Adrian Keane, James Griffiths and Paul McKeown	The Modern Law of Evidence (8 th edition)	Oxford	2010
Raymond N. Emson	Evidence (5 th edition)	Palgrave Macmillan	2010
Ian Dennis	The Law of Evidence (4 th revised edition)	Sweet & Maxwell	2010
Peter Murphy	Evidence, Proof and Facts – A Book of Sources (1 st edition)	Oxford	2003