

## 730-774 Trial Advocacy

<b>Credit Points:</b>	12.500
<b>Level:</b>	Graduate/Postgraduate
<b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>	2008, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, - Taught on campus.
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	Contact Hours: 24 - 26 contact hours per subject. Total Time Commitment: The time commitment for this subject depends on the candidate's background and experience.
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	N.A.
<b>Corequisites:</b>	N.A.
<b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>	None
<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	None
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	N.A.
<b>Coordinator:</b>	A/Prof Andrew Palmer
<b>Subject Overview:</b>	<p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <p>A candidate who has successfully completed the subject should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Identify aims and objectives for the conduct of a trial</li> <li># Develop plans and strategies for the achievement of those aims and objectives</li> <li># Implement those plans and strategies in the preparation of, and during the course of, a trial</li> <li># Reflect on all of the above at the conclusion of a trial.</li> <li># More specifically, candidates completing this subject should be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Prepare a case for trial, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Develop a case theory</li> <li># Draft an opening address</li> <li># Draft a closing address</li> <li># Draft examinations and cross-examinations of witnesses</li> <li># Assess the strengths and weaknesses of a case</li> </ul> </li> <li># Conduct a trial, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Deliver an opening address</li> <li># Examine, cross-examine and re-examine witnesses</li> <li># Deliver a closing address</li> </ul> </li> <li># Reflect on their performance at the above tasks.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Syllabus:</b></p> <p>Topics covered will include the adversary process, the role of the trial advocate, the development of case theories and themes, opening and closing addresses, and witness examination, including examination in chief, cross examination and re-examination. Candidates will participate in seminar discussions and will also plan for and conduct advocacy exercises. Candidates will work in small teams.</p>
<b>Assessment:</b>	Written preparation, including drafts of opening and closing addresses and outline of objectives for trial and examination of witnesses (45%) (29 September, 9.30 am) Trial performance (45%) (beginning week of 29 September) Reflective report (10%) (16 October)
<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	Core subject materials will be provided free of charge to all students. Some subjects require further texts to be purchased. Please visit the subject homepage on the Melbourne Law Masters website by following the link at the bottom of this subject entry.

<b>Breadth Options:</b>	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>
<b>Generic Skills:</b>	Please see the Subject Objectives for this information.
<b>Links to further information:</b>	For the latest information on this subject, please visit: <a href="http://www.masters.law.unimelb.edu.au/subject/730774">http://www.masters.law.unimelb.edu.au/subject/730774</a>