

LAW 440.3 INNOVATION IN JUSTICE: THE DEAN'S FORUM ON ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION 2(3S)
(2023-2024 B. Lowenberger)

It is our intent to offer - for a twelfth year - the experiential course below. The course is typically offered in Term 2 for six upper-year students on an application basis. Further details and the application deadline will be announced during the fall term. It is a unique opportunity for a small group of students to develop justice policy alongside leading members of the legal profession.

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Nation-wide conversations about Access to Justice continue to play out, with the Cromwell Report* an important touchstone. The first eleven meetings of the Dean's Forum on Dispute Resolution and Access to Justice were held in September 2013, March 2014, March 2015, February 2016, March 2017, March 2018, March 2019, March 2020, March 2021, March 2022 and March 2023: a gathering of a couple dozen leaders in the Saskatchewan legal and justice community. During the last eleven years, a small group of students participated in the Dean's Forum project for course credit. They conducted research on the Forum's themes, prepared and presented policy discussion papers, helped design the consultative/planning process, and participated fully in the Forum event. A summary of the Dean's Forum initiative is published on the College of Law website: <http://law.usask.ca/deansforum>.

A video by previous Dean's Forum students is published on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sbJY9gQb6wU>.

The project will continue, with a twelfth Forum planned for 2024. The general themes for this year's Forum are currently being developed, and will be assigned near the end of the fall term.

Prior demonstrated leadership in dispute resolution and access to justice initiatives, as well as prior academic performance will be factors in the selection of students for the course. The course will be scheduled based on the successful candidates' availability.

If you have any questions about previous years' projects, or the direction of this year's, please do not hesitate to contact Dean's Forum course instructor, Director of CREATE Justice, and Access to Justice Coordinator, Brea Lowenberger (at b.lowenberger@usask.ca).

*The Cromwell Report can be found at <http://www.cfcj-fcjc.org/collaborations>.