



To whom it may concern;

RE: Information regarding the Certificate in Common Law French

The Certificate in Common Law in French (CCLF) program was established in 2016 in partnership with the University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law, French Common Law Program.

Admission to the CCLF program is limited to students already admitted to the Juris Doctor program at the University of Saskatchewan, College of Law. A rigorous admissions process is then undertaken and only a handful of students with an excellent academic background and the requisite level of French skills are chosen to participate.

Participating students must complete 30 credits of their J.D. program in French through the University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law. They benefit from a wide range of unique and valuable experiences such as internships with experienced bilingual lawyers and judges in Saskatchewan, a mentorship program, participation in a moot in Ottawa on language rights, and a one-semester exchange in the nation's capital.

The main curricular objective of the CCLF is to provide students with the skills necessary to allow them to research, analyze, and communicate the law in French. The College of Law recognizes this training as important and useful, even in a province where most of the legal work is done in English, as it will allow graduates to not only provide legal services in both official languages, but more importantly, be able to better serve **all** clients as they will be able to consult and understand the equally authoritative French version of federal statutes and certain provincial statutes, and read and interpret relevant cases which are only available in French.

Beyond these very practical advantages, the College of Law recognizes that Canada's linguistic duality is a dominant characteristic of our national institutions, including the Supreme Court of Canada. We want to ensure that our Saskatchewan students are well-positioned to accede to positions that require, now or in the future, functional bilingualism.

Please feel free to contact this office if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tamara Larre".

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