

Evaluation of January Ethics Training Session
9:00 pm – 4:00 pm, January 20, 2017

Essay Assignment

Due: February 10, 2017 at 4:00 pm (*via* assignments.law@utoronto.ca).

500 word limit—approximately 250 words for each question. Please use the Faculty of Law written work cover page, identify yourself by your pseudonym, and be sure to include the word count.

Please choose **two** of the following **four** questions to answer:

Question 1. Discuss the language of Justice Nakatsuru’s decisions in *Armitage* and *Pelletier*. How does it differ from the judicial decisions that are typically found in your casebooks? What is the significance of those differences, and how are they connected to the content of the rulings?

Question 2. In “The Inseparability of Professionalism and Personal Satisfaction: Perspectives on Values, Integrity and Happiness,” Lawrence Krieger writes that it is “important for students to understand the various ways that both legal education and early lawyering experiences can tend to erode integrity by separating people from their personal values and beliefs, conscience, truthfulness, and intrinsic needs for caring and cooperation.” Cheryl Milne and Janet Minor described some of the constraints intrinsic in working for clients in the legal services context and in government, respectively. Describe how those constraints might tend to erode integrity, and discuss how a strong understanding of professionalism could help mitigate that tendency.

Question 3. Discuss the *Women’s March on Washington* (and marches in other cities around the world) in terms of the strategies of Calling-Out and Calling-in.

Question 4. The practice of requiring Indigenous people who left their reserves to carry a pass was never based in law. What are the ethical implications of the lack of a legal foundation for the pass system? Does it make a difference in your analysis of the system? At the beginning of *The Pass System* one of the people who lived under the system explained, “I was born into it—it was normal.” Think of the systems into which you have been born, and that may appear normal to you. Do the ones that are legally authorised require a different response than the ones that are not? What different challenges are raised by those systems?

Evaluation: Please take a few minutes to answer the following questions. Up to 50 words of your response will apply toward your final word count.

- A. If we were going to repeat only one of the sessions you attended in next year’s session, which one should it be, and why?
- B. If we were going to omit only one of the sessions you attended in next year’s session, which one should it be, and why?