

COURSE SYLLABUS

LAST REVIEW	Spring 2021
COURSE TITLE	Litigation I
COURSE NUMBER	PRLG 0132
DIVISION	Social and Behavioral Sciences & Public Services
DEPARTMENT	Paralegal
CIP CODE	22.0302
CREDIT HOURS	3
CONTACT HOURS/WEEK	Class: 3
PREREQUISITES	None
COURSE PLACEMENT	Students must meet the correct placement measure for this course. Information may be found at: https://www.kckcc.edu/admissions/information/mandatory-evaluation-placement.html

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Explores civil litigation and practical aspects involved in the trial of a civil lawsuit. Specific topics include civil procedure and trial preparation.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Demonstrate the ability to identify case issues and analyze court opinions.
2. Explain basic procedural and substantive law concepts
3. Demonstrate clear and concise writing ability in preparation of office memoranda, client correspondence, and basic legal documents
4. Demonstrate ability to conduct legal interviewing, preliminary investigation and basic research
5. Evaluate scenarios relevant to ethical standards for paralegals in law office.

Institutional Learning Outcomes

- Communication
- Computation and Financial Literacy
- Critical Reasoning
- Technology and Information Literacy
- Community and Civic Responsibility
- Personal and Interpersonal Skills

TEXTBOOKS

<http://kckccbookstore.com/>

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

A variety of instructional methods may be used depending on content area. These include but are not limited to: lecture, multimedia, cooperative/collaborative learning, labs and demonstrations, projects and presentations, speeches, debates, panels, conferencing, performances, and learning experiences outside the classroom. Methodology will be selected to best meet student needs.

COURSE OUTLINE

I. Principles of Litigation

II. Causes of Action

A. Torts

1. Neg.
2. Fraud
3. Defamation
4. Assault & Battery - False Imprisonment
5. Invasion of Privacy

B. Contract

1. Breach
2. Warranty
3. Debt
4. Indemnity

C. Statutory

1. Civil Rights
2. Warranty
3. Divorce
4. Consumer

III. Remedies

A. Damages

B. Specific Performance

C. Injury

D. Others

IV. Defenses

A. Defined

B. Types

1. Procedural
2. Substantive

V. Pleading and Drafting

A. Courts

B. Jurisdiction and Venue

C. Filing

D. Service and Summons

E. Techniques

VI. Evidence

A. General Concepts

B. Rules of Discovery

C. Role of the Paralegal

VII. Discovery Services

A. Interrogatories

B. Request for Production

C. Request for Admissions

D. Examinations

E. Depositions

1. Parties
2. Witnesses
3. Experts

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will:

- A. CLO #1 The student will be able to describe our court organization.
- B. CLO #2 The student will be able to identify causes of action.
- C. CLO #3 The student shall be able to describe the remedies.
- D. CLO #4 The student shall be able to list the defenses to various causes of action.
- E. CLO #5 The student shall be able to identify the various pleadings filed in litigation.
- F. CLO #6 The student shall be able to know what will be allowed as evidence and how it is obtained.
- G. CLO #7 The student shall be able to know the various forms of discovery.

ASSESSMENT OF COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Student progress is evaluated through both formative and summative assessment methods. Specific details may be found in the instructor's course information document.

COLLEGE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Student Handbook

<https://www.kckcc.edu/files/docs/student-resources/student-handbook-and-code-of-conduct.pdf>

College Catalog

<https://www.kckcc.edu/academics/catalog/index.html>

College Policies and Statements

<https://www.kckcc.edu/about/policies-statements/index.html>

Accessibility and Accommodations

<https://www.kckcc.edu/academics/resources/student-accessibility-support-services/index.html>