

COURSE SYLLABUS

LAST REVIEW	Spring 2021
COURSE TITLE	Family Law
COURSE NUMBER	PRLG 0162
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

Specific topics covered include: adoption, guardianship, child custody and support, divorce, and separation.

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. Introduction
 - A. Scope of Family Law Practice

- B. Assisting an Attorney in Family Law
- C. Ethical Considerations
- II. Marriage
 - A. Contracts Restraining Marriage
 - B. Antenuptial Agreements
 - C. Contract Cohabitation
- III. Termination of Marriage
 - A. Annulment
 - B. Separation Agreements
 - C. Divorce
- IV. Child Custody and Support
 - A. Types of Custody
 - B. Modification of Child Support
 - C. Enforcement of Orders
- V. Tax Considerations of Separation and Divorce
- VI. Adoption
 - A. Types
 - B. Procedure
- VII. Surrogacy

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will:

- A. CLO #1 The student shall be able to identify the requirements for a valid marriage.
- B. CLO #2 The student shall be able to explain what an antenuptial agreement is.
- C. CLO #3 The student shall be able to know the procedure for termination of marriage.
- D. CLO #4 The student will be able to draft all pleadings in divorce proceedings.
- E. CLO #5 The student shall be able to describe the various forms of discovery used in preparation for divorce.
- F. CLO #6 The student shall be able to describe the court's authority with respect to alimony and property division.
- G. CLO #7 The student shall be able to describe the court's authority regarding minor children.
- H. CLO #8 The student shall be able to describe pre-trial procedure and enforcement procedures.
- I. CLO #9 The student shall be able to describe the procedure for modifying a divorce decree.
- J. CLO #10 The student shall be able to describe the tax treatment for transfers of property pursuant to divorce.
- K. CLO #11 The student shall be able to describe paternity and legitimation procedures.
- L. CLO #12 The student shall be able to describe the adoption procedure.
- M. CLO #13 The student shall be able to describe the various methods of artificial reproduction.

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>