**Revised: Spring 2016**

LGL 216

Trial Preparation and Discovery Practice

**COURSE OUTLINE**

**Prerequisites:**

Successful completion of all 100 level LGL courses or divisional approval.

Course Description:

Examines the trial process, including the preparation of a trial notebook, pretrial motions, and orders. May include the preparation of interrogatories, depositions, and other discovery tools used in assembling evidence in preparation for trial or an administrative hearing

**Semester Credits: 3 Lecture Hours: 3**

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Course Outcomes

At the completion of this course, the student should be able to:

* Students will be expected to obtain a working knowledge of how to assist the lawyer in a civil lawsuit from the initial fact-gathering stage through trial.
* The student must be familiar with the procedural rules governing the process and be able to translate those rules into litigation skills.

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Required Materials: Only textbook

Textbook:

Fundamentals of Litigation for Paralegals, 8th edition Maerowitz and Mauet,

ISBN: 978-1-454-83134-1

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Topical Description:   
  
(Outline chapters and sections to be covered in the book – may include timeline)

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| **Week 1** | **Introduction to Course: Assignments: Chapters 1 & 2** |
| **Week 2** | **Chapters 1-Introduction to Litigation & 2-Informal Fact Gathering and Investigation; Assignment: Chapters 3 & 4** |
| **Week 3** | **Chapters 3-Case Evaluation & 4-Parties and Jurisdiction, Assignment: Chapter 5** |
| **Week 4** | **Chapter 5-Pleadings; Quiz: Chapters 1-4; Assignment: Chapters 6,7 & 8** |
| **Week 5** | **Chapters 6-Law and Motions,7-Motion Practice &8-Provisional Remedies; Assignment: Chapter 9** |
| **Week 6** | **Chapter 9-Evidence; Assignment: Chapter 10** |
| **Week 7** | **Chapter 10-Discovery: Quiz: Chapters 5-9; Assignment: Chapters 11,12,&13** |
| **Week 8** | **Chapters 11-Settlements,12-Trial Preparation, Trial and Appeal,13-Enforcement of Judgments & 14-Alternative Dispute Resolution**  **Quiz -- Chapters 10,11,12,13 &14** |
| **Week 9** | **Plaintiffs meet Attorneys** |
| **Week 10** | **Plaintiffs’ Motion for Judgment Due** |
| **Week 11** | **Defendants meet Attorneys** |
| **Week 12** | **Defendants’ Grounds of Defense Due; Plaintiffs serve Discovery on Defendants.** |
| **Week 13** | **Defendants’ Discovery Responses Due; Defendants Serve Discovery on Plaintiffs** |
| **Week 14** | **Plaintiffs’ Discovery Responses Due** |
| **Week 15** | **Review/Trial Preparation** |
| **Week 16** | **Trial Group Two** |

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**Notes to Instructors:**

**(List information about optional topics, departmental exams, etc.)**

1. None