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LGL 210

Virginia and Federal Civil Procedure

COURSE OUTLINE

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

Course Description:

Examines the rules of procedure in the Virginia and federal court systems, including the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Rules of Practice and Procedure in the District Courts, Circuit Courts, Virginia Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court of Virginia.

Goals: For the student to have a comprehensive understanding of the rules of procedure for both Virginia and Federal Court system for civil cases. By the end of the class the student should have the knowledge to successfully answer general questions regarding civil procedure for both federal and state court and be able to file a lawsuit in both courts.

Practice Goal: Each student will learn the civil procedures required to file a lawsuit in both Virginia State and Federal Court. The student will have to draft a legal Complaint for both Court systems with the required nomenclature, filing information and procedural requirements. The student will be evaluated on the accuracy of the information contained in the two Complaints to determine their understanding of the requirements of the civil process in both state and federal court.

Semester Credits: 3 Lecture Hours: 3 Lab/Recitation Hours: 0

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Textbook:

Civil Law and Litigation for Paralegals; Neal Bevans; 1st edition; ISBN: 0073524611

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Topical Description:

Week

1. Introduction to Course, review of syllabus and expectations
2. Chapter 1 - Introduction to the Court System - Federal - How can a civil case be heard in Federal Court
3. Hand-out - Introduction to Virginia Court System and distinguish Federal and Virginia Civil Systems
4. Chapter 2 The participants in the Legal System
5. Chapter 3 - Inside the Law Office
6. Virginia Procedure and bringing Virginia action
7. TEST
8. Chapter 4 - Bringing a Legal Action
9. Chapter 5 Civil Complaints
10. Chapter 6 Defendant's Answer
11. TEST
12. Chapter 7 Evidence
13. Chapter 8 Discovery
14. Chapters 9 and 10 Motion and Trial and Damages
15. Chapter 13 Appeals - Virginia Procedure
16. FINAL



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Notes to Instructors

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

None.

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