Virginia Western Community College
LGL 216
Trial Preparation and Discovery Practice

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. Lecture 3 hours per week.

Semester Credits: 3 **Lecture Hours:** 3 **Lab/Clinical/Internship Hours:** 0

Required Materials

Textbook:
Fundamentals of Litigation for Paralegals, 8th edition Maerowitz and Mauet, ISBN: 978-1-454-83134-1

Other Required Materials:
None

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.

Topical Description

Week 1	Introduction to Course
Week 2	Chapters 1-Introduction to Litigation & 2-Informal Fact Gathering and Investigation
Week 3	Chapters 3-Case Evaluation & 4-Parties and Jurisdiction
Week 4	Chapter 5-Pleadings

Week 5	Chapters 6-Law and Motions,7-Motion Practice &8-Provisional Remedies
Week 6	Chapter 9-Evidence
Week 7	Chapter 10-Discovery
Week 8	Chapters 11-Settlements,12-Trial Preparation, Trial and Appeal,13-Enforcement of Judgments & 14-Alternative Dispute Resolution
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

Notes to Instructors

None