

**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, 8<sup>th</sup> edition Maerowitz and Mauet, ISBN: 978-1-454-83134-1

**Other Required Materials:**

Students will need a computer capable of accessing Canvas through the VWCC system. Students are required to use Canvas for this course.

**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