

North Hennepin Community College

PLEG 1412: Litigation II

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: *.*

Lab Hours/Week: *.*

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites:

This course requires the following prerequisite
PLEG 1411 - Litigation I

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

This course is the second part of a two part Litigation course. This course presents a study of the processes and procedures undertaken in litigation and the role of the paralegal in a litigation practice. Students will study the requirements and applications of the Rules of Civil Procedure and the general rules of practice in District Court. Students will also study the various methods of alternative dispute resolution and their application to a litigation practice. Students will draft litigation documents and learn the role of the paralegal before, during and after trial. This course includes a study of the rules of evidence, and tips for preserving and protecting evidence in civil and criminal trials. Students will learn methods of investigation and fact gathering. In addition, this course also examines the ethical considerations related to evidence and the trial process.

Prerequisite: PLeg 1411

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 01/11/2010 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1.
 - a. Relevance and materiality
 - b. Privilege and admissibility
 - c. Witness testimony
 - d. Hearsay rules and exceptions
 - e. Authentication of evidence
 - f. Best evidence rule
 - g. Trial preparation and practice
 - h. Motions and Supporting documents
 - i. Settlement and negotiation tools
 - j. Alternate dispute resolution
 - k. The trial process and post-trial process
 - l. Techniques for recording and preserving evidence
 - m. Ethics and professional responsibility

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Describe, illustrate and choose how to conduct an effective and proper legal investigation, obtaining statements, evidence and other reports (ELO 2, Program Goal 5, Program Goal 6)
2. Demonstrate an understanding of the concept of legal ethics as it applies to the conduct of investigations and use of evidence (ELO 2, ELO 3, Program Goal 2)
3. Obtain knowledge of, interpret and analyze accident and investigatory reports utilized by law enforcement agencies (ELO 1, ELO 2, ELO 4, Program Goal 4, Program Goal 6).
4. Undertake and complete basic pretrial, trial and post-trial procedures (ELO 1, ELO 2, ELO 4, Program Goal 6)
5. Demonstrate an understanding of those ethical principles that govern a paralegals work in a litigation practice (ELO 3, Program Goal 2).
6. Demonstrate basic reasoning by deduction, by induction, and by analogy related to litigation matters (ELO 4, Program Goal 4).
7. Prepare selected litigation documents for a civil lawsuit (ELO 1, ELO 2, ELO 4, Program Goal 1, Program Goal 3)

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

1. Knowledge of Human Cultures and the Physical and Natural World--Through study in the sciences, mathematics, social sciences, humanities, histories, languages, the arts, technology and professions.
2. Intellectual and Practical Skills--Including: Inquiry and analysis; Critical and creative thinking; Written and oral communication; Quantitative literacy; Information literacy; Teamwork and problem solving.
3. Personal and Social Responsibility and Engagement--Including: Civic knowledge and involvement--campus, local and global; Intercultural knowledge and competence; Ethical reasoning and action; Foundations and skills for lifelong learning.
4. Integrative and Applied Learning--Including: Synthesis and advanced accomplishment across general education, liberal studies, specialized studies and activities in the broader campus community.