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Business & Corporate Law

The Business and Corporate Law course discusses important topics related to business law, including traditional and online dispute resolution, sales and leases, warranties, product liability, consumer law, e-contracts, negotiable instruments, corporations, financing, investor protection, online securities offerings, real and personal property, agency and employment, and international law in a global economy. **TEXTBOOK:** *Fundamentals of Business Law,* by Daniel V. Davidson, Lynn M. Forsythe and Brenda E. Knowles.

Wills, Trusts & Estates

Wills, Trusts, and Estates offers succinct coverage of key topics, as well as helpful guides and step-by-step instructions, to prepare you for your role as a paralegal in the administration of wills, trusts, and estates. This course presents how to assist attorneys as they plan estates, explain rights, draft wills, set up trusts, appoint personal representatives, probate wills, file estate taxes, and represent clients in probate court. **TEXTBOOK: Basic Wills, Trusts, and Estates for Paralegals,** by Jeffrey A. Helewitz.

<u>Family Law</u>

The Family Law course uses articles, cases, and examples to describe a paralegal's role in matters of family law. Learn how to assist attorneys as they draft premarital and cohabitation agreements, help clients start or end their marriages, set up a mutually agreeable child custody arrangement, clarify paternity, adopt a child, litigate tort cases, and more. This course covers same-sex relationships, the enforcement of child support orders, and the confidentiality of adoption records.

TEXTBOOK: Family Law for Paralegals, by J. Shoshanna Ehrlich.

<u>Immigration Law</u>

Immigration Law offers a thorough, accessible, and practical approach to understanding and putting to use U.S. laws and regulations to help protect refugees, bring needed workers to the U.S, prevent separation of, and reunite families. Attuned to the sensitivity and responsibility necessary to ensuring just results in high stakes immigration cases, the authors provide in-depth information and offer insights into the complex legal issues faced by immigration clients, while proposing strategies for the professionals seeking to help them. **TEXTBOOK: Understanding Immigration Law and Practice, by Ayodele Gansallo & Judith Bernstein-Baker.**

Civil Litigation

The Civil Litigation course offers paralegals specialized knowledge for a litigation firm. It discusses the paralegal's role in assisting the attorney before, during, and after a trial, including: investigating and gathering evidence; participating in discovery; drafting the complaint; preparing witnesses for depositions; assisting in the completion of interrogatories; preparing the trial notebook; preparing witnesses for trial and post trial practice; and drafting appellate briefs. **TEXTBOOK**: *Fundamentals of Litigation*, by Marlene A. Maerowitz and Thomas A. Mauet.

Real Estate Law

The Real Estate Law course helps you to master the elements of real property; different methods used in recording and describing deeds; transference of title; rights associated with real estate ownership; elements of real estate contracts; basic landlord/tenant law; deeds, mortgages, and restrictions on land use; title insurance and title examination; the closing process; and tax implications of real estate transactions. TEXTBOOK: *Real Estate and Property Law for Paralegals*, by Neal R. Bevans.

<u>Personal Injury/Torts</u>

Tort law is the arena of law primarily responsible for making citizens whole after they have been injured by the wrongs of others. The Personal Injury/Torts course introduces students to tort law by discussing the scope, definitions, elements, and purpose of torts. It also discusses specific torts such as battery, assault, misrepresentation and defamation, as well as trespass and conversion. **TEXTBOOK**: *Personal Injury and the Law of Torts for Paralegals*, by Emily Lynch Morissette

<u>Practical Bankruptcy Law</u>

The Practical Bankruptcy Law course provides the building blocks of bankruptcy law by explaining cases from the perspective of the debtor, the trustee, and the creditor; and discusses the special rules and procedures that must be followed in each type of case. This course also explains how cases are commenced, converted, dismissed, and closed. TEXTBOOK: Basic Bankruptcy Law for Paralegals, by David L. Buchbinder.

Interviewing and Investigating

This course offers a thorough and practical approach to helping paralegal students establish a strong foundation in interviewing and investigating skills. It does so by carefully placing that instruction in the context of civil disputes, criminal prosecutions, and commercial business transactions where lawyers need assistants with those skills. The accompanying textbook covers how to identify and locate witnesses, obtain vital information from both public and private sources, and how to arrange and conduct effective interviews of clients and witnesses, both in the office and in the field. TEXTBOOK: Interviewing and Investigating: Essential Skills for the Paralegal, by Stephen P. Parsons.

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