

LGLA 2307
Law Office Management
Course Syllabus

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CLASSROOM: I-NET/Blackboard

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course presents the fundamentals of law office management and organization, including basic principles and structures of management, administrative and substantive systems in the law office, and law practice technology.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: Students successfully completing this course will understand the fundamental principles of law office organization and management, and the paralegal's role in law office administration; understand the use of law office management systems and software; be familiar with law office technology; and be prepared to perform administrative and management duties and functions commonly found in law offices.

TEXTBOOK: *Fundamentals of Law Office Management 5th Edition* by Nollkamper, Pamela; Delmar Cengage Learning Publishers.

ASSIGNMENTS: Weekly class assignments (number to be determined by the instructor) will be submitted through Blackboard by the stated due date and time. Some assignments may permit students to earn "bonus" points. While students may work together on assignments, students may not simply copy and submit another student's answers.[1] Copying answers will not result in learning and, at the teacher's discretion, may result in both/all involved students not receiving credit for part or all of an assignment.

GRADING: The weekly class assignments (number determined by instructor) will count 75% of the final grade. The final exam will count 25% of the final grade. Late class assignments will not be accepted. Assignments will not be accepted by email. Computer and network problems are not an acceptable excuse for non-submitted assignments. No makeup exams will be given. Grade equivalents: 90 to 100% = A; 80 to 89% = B; 70 to 79% = C; 60 to 69% = D; < 60% = F.

ATTENDANCE: Students are expected to regularly and timely attend class (by timely submission of assignments). Excessive "absences" (3 or more missed assignments) may result in the student being dropped from the course without notice.

When an unavoidable reason for class absence arises, such as illness, an official trip authorized by the college or an official activity, the instructor may permit the student to make up work missed. It is the student's responsibility to complete work missed within a reasonable period of time as determined by the instructor. Students are officially enrolled in all courses for which they pay

tuition and fees at the time of registration. Should a student, for any reason, delay in reporting to a class after official enrollment, absences will be attributed to the student from the first class meeting.

Students who enroll in a course but have “Never Attended” by the official census date, as reported by the faculty member, will be administratively dropped by the Office of Admissions and Records. A student who does not meet the attendance requirements of a class as stated in the course syllabus and does not officially withdraw from that course by the official census date of the semester, may be administratively withdrawn from that course and receive a grade of “X” or “F” as determined by the instructor.

It is the student’s responsibility to verify administrative drops for excessive absences through MySPC using his or her student online account. If it is determined that a student is awarded financial aid for a class or classes in which the student never attended or participated, the financial aid award will be adjusted in accordance with the classes in which the student did attend/participate and the student will owe any balance resulting from the adjustment.

COMPUTERS: Laptop computers may be used during class for class-related purposes only and provided computer speakers are muted. Wireless internet access is provided at SPC for education-related purposes only. Paralegal Studies students also have access to computers available in LBC109, as well as other SPC campuses. All student work must be saved on a removable storage device, e.g. a flash drive, and not on an SPC computer.

NOTICE TO STUDENTS: In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group differences and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world and about ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.

[1] Plagiarism: Offering the work of another as one’s own, without proper acknowledgment, is plagiarism; therefore, any student who fails to give credit for quotations or essentially identical expression of material taken from books, encyclopedias, magazines and other reference works, or from the themes, reports or other writings of a fellow student, is guilty of plagiarism.