FLCC Course Syllabus

General Information

Date
12/01/2016

Department
Business

Course Prefix:
PLG

Course Number:
230

Course Title:
Family Law

Course Information

Credit Hours
3

Lecture Contact Hours
3

Catalog Description
This course is designed to introduce students to the basic concepts of family law including prenuptial agreements, valid and void marriages, annulments, separation agreements, custody and child support, divorce, spousal maintenance, paternity, adoption, family offenses, and child protection. Emphasis will be placed on the preparation of necessary documents, filing procedures, and interview techniques.

Prerequisites
PLG 100 and PLG 125

Grading Scheme
Letter Grade

FLCC Values

College Learning Outcomes Addressed by the Course

Inquiry
Vitality
Perseverance

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1: Describe the New York state law governing family law.
2: Apply the elements of family law to the preparation of various legal documents.
3: Prepare a Judgment Roll based on a given fact situation.

Program Affiliation

This course is required as a core program course in the following program(s)

AAS Paralegal
Paralegal Certificate

Outline of Topics Covered

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I. Working in Family Law

II. Marriage

III. Separation

IV. Divorce
A. Grounds for Divorce
B. Effects of Judgment
C. Jurisdiction and Service
D. The Complaint

V. Custody and Visitation
A. Best Interest Factors
B. Parent v. Non-Parent
C. Enforcement
D. Visitation

VI. Spousal and Child Support

VII. Property Division
A. Statement of Net Worth
B. Characterization of Property
C. Evaluation
D. Distribution of Property
E. Tax Consequences

VIII. Judgment Roll-Instruction & Preparation

IX. Non-Marital Children

X. Adoption

XI. Family Offenses

XII. Child Protection

XIII. Ethics in Family Law