General Information

Date
12/01/2016

Department
Business

Course Prefix:
PLG

Course Number:
245

Course Title:
Tort Law

Course Information

Credit Hours
3

Lecture Contact Hours
3

Catalog Description
This course is designed to give the student an introduction to the principles of personal injury law. Topics to be covered include: negligence, assault, battery, and false imprisonment, intentional infliction of emotional distress, trespass to land, trespass to chattel, conversion, defamation, strict product liability, and professional malpractice. Emphasis will be placed on the role of a paralegal in personal injury litigation with preparation and discussion of pertinent documents and filing issues.

Prerequisites
PLG 100 and PLG 125

Grading Scheme
Letter Grade

FLCC Values

College Learning Outcomes Addressed by the Course

Inquiry
Interconnectedness
Vitality

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1. Identify the various intentional torts.
2. Apply the elements of negligence and the defenses to negligence to fact scenarios.
3. Explain the theories of product liability.

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. Introduction to Tort Law
   A. Definition
   B. Relationship Between Tort Law and Other Areas of the Law
   C. Classification of Torts

II. Tort Litigation
   A. Paralegal Roles
   B. Tort Litigation Process

III. Intentional Torts
   A. Assault
   B. Battery
   C. False Imprisonment
   D. Misuse of Legal Proceedings
   E. Infliction of Emotional Distress
   F. Conversion and Trespass to Chattels

IV. Strict Liability

V. Negligence
   A. Elements
   B. Defenses
   C. Medical Malpractice

V. Products Liability

VI. Additional Torts
   A. Torts Against and within the Family
   B. Torts Connected with Land
   C. Defamation
   D. Invasion of Privacy
   E. Misrepresentation and Tortious Interference