



WOL-801 Personal Injury (Torts)

Description:

WOL-801 teaches students the academic and practical principles of tort law needed for a successful career as a paralegal. Through cases, hypothetical situations, and Internet references, students build skills, apply concepts, and stay up-to-date on exciting developments in tort law. "Practice Pointers" and "Practical Ponderables" introduce students to such skills as drafting pleadings, preparing medical authorization requests, documenting damages, drafting jury instructions, and assembling trial exhibits.

Textbook: Tort Law, 6th Ed. – Edwards – ISBN: 9781285863238

Course objectives:

Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:

- Define a tort and distinguish between a tort and a crime, also a tort and a contract.
- Describe the initiation of a complaint and a response to that complaint.
- Identify the elements of assault, battery, false imprisonment, infliction of mental distress, trespass to land, trespass to chattels, and conversion.
- Identify the criteria used to assess the reasonableness of a person’s conduct.
- Explain the standard of care to which a professional is held.
- Distinguish between libel and slander.

Contents:

Ch 1: Overview of Tort Law	Ch 11: Strict Liability
Ch 2: Overview of a Tort Case	Ch 12: Product Liability
Ch 3: Intentional Torts	Ch 13: Defamation and Related Torts
Ch 4: Negligence: Duty	Ch 14: Vicarious Liability
Ch 5: Negligence: Breach of Duty	Ch 15: Joint Liability
Ch 6: Negligence: Causation	Ch 16: Tort Reform
Ch 7: Negligence: Damages	Ch 17: Automobile Insurance
Ch 8: Negligence: Defenses	Ch 18: Bad Faith
Ch 9: Malpractice	Ch 19: Workers' Compensation
Ch 10: Misrepresentation, Nuisance, and Other Torts	

Grading Scale

A = 90-100%
 B = 80-89%
 C = 70-79%
 D = 60-69%
 F = under 59%

Grade Weighting

Chapter Quizzes.....	70%
<u>Final Exam</u>	<u>30%</u>
	100%