



WOL-902 Family Law

Description:

WOL-902 is a comprehensive introduction to modern family law for the paralegal, covering substantive and procedural law with a strong practical emphasis. In addition to fundamental principles of family law and nationwide legal practices, this course includes state-specific assignments. Legal analysis exercises help students apply substantive legal principles, while sample checklists, forms, documents, cases, and exhibits provide exposure to real-world tools and processes. New content includes updated coverage of evolving legal issues such as same-sex marriage, adoption, fertility, stem cell research, legal ethics, and the role of technology in law.

Textbook: Family Law, 6th Ed. – Statsky – ISBN: 9781285861272

Course objectives:

Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:

- Identify the major themes of family law in the twenty-first century.
- Recognize the major ethical violations that can be committed in a family-law office.
- Know when a family history is needed in a family-law case.
- Define the four major kinds of agreements that can be entered in intimate relationships.
- Distinguish legal separation, separate maintenance, and divorce.
- List the major considerations of parents when negotiating child custody terms.
- Explain the disabilities faced by married women at common law.

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| Ch 1: Introduction to Family Law and Practice | Ch 10: Child Support |
| Ch 2: Ethics in a Family Law Practice | Ch 11: Tax Consequences of Divorce |
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Grading Scale

- A = 95-100%
- B = 88-94.9%
- C = 80-87.9%
- D = 70-79.9%
- F = Below 70%

Grade Weighting

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