Course Outcome Summary

Required Program Core Course

LAW 220
Criminal Law & Litigation

Course Information

Division: Business Division
Contact Hours: 45 Contact Hours
Theory: 45 Contact Hours
Lab Hours: 0 Contact Hours
Off-Campus Clinical Hours: 0 Contact Hours
Total Credits: 3 Credit Hours

Prerequisites:
LAW 151 (Introduction to Paralegal Studies) and LAW 205 (Legal Research & Writing I)

Course Description:
This course is designed to provide an in-depth analysis in the pre-trial, trial and post-trial procedures involved in a typical criminal litigation. This will be done by studying the constitutional safeguards and procedures necessary from arrest through trial and sentencing. Also, this course will examine substantive elements of crimes and defenses.

This course is a required core course for students pursuing an AAS in Paralegal.

Program Outcomes

A. Communicate effectively both orally and in writing.
B. Demonstrate computer competency including technology commonly used in law offices.
C. Explain the concepts of and engage in legal research, including computer-based legal research.
D. Explain and apply the standards of conduct, including ethics, expected of the legal professionals.
E. Articulate the structure of the legal system and the paralegal's duties and responsibilities for the delivery of legal services within that system.
F. Demonstrate knowledge of substantive and procedural law including applying that knowledge to factual scenarios.
G. Prepare legal documents using proper legal reasoning and analysis of issues, facts, and law.

Course Outcomes

In order to evidence success in this course, the students will be able to:

1. Students will explain the criminal law procedures related to (a) arrest, search, and seizure; (b) grand juries and preliminary exams; and (c) pre-trial, trial, and post-trial.
   Applies To Program Outcome: F

2. Students will explain the investigation and discovery process in criminal matters.
   Applies To Program Outcome: F

3. Students will explain the basic elements of various crimes and their associated defenses.
   Applies To Program Outcome: F

4. Students will be able to apply criminal law and litigation concepts through the use of case studies and draft common pleadings in criminal cases.
   Applies To Program Outcome: A, G
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