

Minnesota State University Moorhead

PARA 375: Legal Ethics

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites:

- PARA 251 - Legal Research and Writing

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

The study of law governing the professional ethics of attorneys with emphasis on the Rules of Professional Conduct and their implications for paralegals.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 01/17/1997 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Overview
2. Unauthorized practice of law
3. Advertising and solicitation
4. Beginning and ending the relationship between attorney/paralegal and client
5. Conflicts of interest
6. Competence and malpractice
7. Fees and client funds
8. Confidentiality
9. Special advocacy issues
10. Counseling
11. Videotaping and critiquing of second mock interview

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. To study the rules and law of professional ethics which apply to attorneys and paralegals.
2. To become familiar with American Bar Association Model Rules of Professional Conduct, and some important ways in which local rules differ from the ABA Model Rules.
3. To develop a full understanding of the need for paralegals to follow the rules of ethics and law regarding unauthorized practice of law.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted