

North Hennepin Community College

PLEG 2510: Contracts and Business Organizations

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: *.*

Lab Hours/Week: *.*

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites:

This course requires the following prerequisite

PLEG 1111 - Introduction to Law and Paralegal Studies

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

This course presents a study of contracts, sales of goods, products liability, secured transactions, creditor rights, consumer protection and bankruptcy. The students also study basic principles of employment law. This course also presents a study of business entities, including sole proprietorships, partnerships, corporations, limited liability companies, and other business entities. Students will learn the fundamental principles of law applicable to each entity type and how to prepare documents necessary to the organization and operation of each. In addition, this course examines the ethical considerations relating to business law practice.

Prerequisite: PLeg 1111

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 09/09/1997 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. a. Contracts
- b. Negotiable instruments
- c. Secured transactions
- d. Creditor rights & bankruptcy
- e. Administrative law
- f. Consumer protection
- g. Agency law
- h. Employment law and
- i. Products liability
- j. Sole-proprietorships
- k. General partnerships
- l. Limited partnerships
- m. Limited liability partnerships
- n. Corporations - formation, operation, and dissolution
- o. Limited liability companies
- p. Antitrust
- q. Sarbanes-Oxley

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Generally explain the nature and classification of contracts. (ELO 1)
2. Demonstrate a basic understanding of what constitutes a breach of contract and understand available remedies under common law (ELO 2, Program Goal 4).
3. Compare and contrast common law and uniform commercial code as they apply to sales contracts (ELO 2, Program Goal 4).
4. Recognize, interpret, and distinguish between Chapter 7, 11, 12 and 13 bankruptcy options. (ELO 2)
5. Generally explain the formation and powers of administrative agencies. (ELO 1, Program Goal 1)
6. Generally explain the laws applicable to labor and employment law matters. (ELO 1, Program Goal 4)
7. Demonstrate a general understanding of the legal processes and legal concepts related to business organizations. (ELO 2, Program Goal 4)
8. Demonstrate an understanding of the different forms of business entities. (ELO 2, Program Goal 4)
9. Demonstrate an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the paralegal and of the lawyer in a business law practice (ELO 2, Program Goal 1)
10. Demonstrate an understanding of those ethical principles that govern a paralegals work in a business law practice (ELO 3, Program Goal 2).

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

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

1. Knowledge of Human Cultures and the Physical and Natural World--Through study in the sciences, mathematics, social sciences, humanities, histories, languages, the arts, technology and professions.
2. Intellectual and Practical Skills--Including: Inquiry and analysis; Critical and creative thinking; Written and oral communication; Quantitative literacy; Information literacy; Teamwork and problem solving.
3. Personal and Social Responsibility and Engagement--Including: Civic knowledge and involvement--campus, local and global; Intercultural knowledge and competence; Ethical reasoning and action; Foundations and skills for lifelong learning.