

North Hennepin Community College

PLEG 2620: Property

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 personal and real property. Students study landlord and tenant law, real estate conveyancing, real estate financing, foreclosure and mechanic's liens. Students will learn to prepare a purchase agreement, deeds and other closing documents, and the documents used in mortgage foreclosure and mechanic's lien foreclosure. The general concepts of legal descriptions, title examination, and closing procedures also are covered. In addition, this course examines the ethical considerations related to a property law practice. Prerequisite: PLeg 1111

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 03/06/2001 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. a. Personal property
- b. Real property
- c. Leasehold interests;
- d. Legal descriptions;
- e. Public records, zoning, land use and easements;
- f. Purchase agreements;
- g. Title examination;
- h. Clearing title;
- i. Closings;
- j. Mortgages and mortgage foreclosures;
- k. Contracts for deed and cancellation; and
- l. Mechanics liens

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Demonstrate a general understanding of the legal processes and legal concepts related to real property. (ELO 1, Program Goal 1)
2. Analyze and apply Minnesota Statutes applicable to real property law in Minnesota (ELO 2, Program Goal 4).
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the different forms of property. (ELO 2)
4. Demonstrate an understanding of title examination and title correction. (ELO 2)
5. Demonstrate an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the paralegal and of the lawyer in a property law practice (ELO 3, Program Goal 1, Program Goal 2).
6. Prepare selected documents used in real estate conveyancing, such as a purchase agreement, deeds, and other closing documents (ELO 2, Program Goal 3, Program Goal 6).
7. Demonstrate an understanding of those ethical principles that govern a paralegal's work in real estate (ELO 3, Program Goal 2).
8. Demonstrate an understanding of real estate financing including the use of mortgage deeds and contracts for deed. (ELO 2, ELO 4, Program Goal 3)
9. Demonstrate an understanding of the general procedures and the documents necessary to foreclose mortgages, to cancel contracts for deed and to file mechanics liens (ELO 1, ELO 2, Program Goal 6)
10. Demonstrate ability to perform paper and electronic research (ELO 2, Program Goal 5, Program Goal 7)

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.
4. Integrative and Applied Learning--Including: Synthesis and advanced accomplishment across general education, liberal studies, specialized studies and activities in the broader campus community.