

SYLLABUS
PART I
EDISON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
LEG 216S FAMILY LAW
3 CREDIT HOURS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Comprehensive study of the concepts of marriage, divorce, dissolution, child custody and support, and related topics. Ohio law and the drafting of appropriate documents are emphasized. Prerequisite: LEG 110S.

COURSE GOALS

The student will:

Bloom's Level		Program Outcomes
3	1. Apply the Ohio statutes, civil rules and case law pertinent to family law.	1
3A	2. Accept the state's interest and role in family law.	1
3A	3. Describe the role of the domestic relations paralegal and the ethics of that role.	5
2	4. Describe the concept of marriage including the marital process, the definition of common law marriage, and the legal obligation involved in the marriage.	1
3, 4, 5	5. Analyze facts and draft motions, memorandums, complaints, separation agreements, antenuptial agreements and decrees, using domestic relations forms.	1, 4, 7
3	6. Apply the grounds for annulment, divorce, and legal separation, and be familiar with the situation of dissolution.	1, 4
2	7. Explain jurisdiction and venue in a family law matter and how to affect service.	1, 4
2	8. Describe the factors and processes that determine allocation of parental rights and responsibilities, child support, visitation, spousal support, property division and paternity.	1
3, 4, 5	9. Draft and respond to post-decree motions, including modification, contempt, and enforcement proceedings.	1
3	10. Determine how to obtain various protection orders for the client.	1

An "A" indicates the Affective Domain.

CORE VALUES

The Core Values are a set of principles which guide in creating educational programs and environments at Edison. They include communication, ethics, critical thinking, human diversity, inquiry/respect for learning, and interpersonal skills/teamwork. The goals, objectives, and activities in this course will introduce/reinforce these Core Values whenever appropriate.

TOPIC OUTLINE

1. Marriage
 - a. Substantive Law—Who can marry
 - b. Obligations
 - c. Property Rights—Marital and non-marital property
 - d. Common Law
 - e. Domestic Violence

2. Termination of the Relationship
 - a. Divorce, Dissolution, Legal Separation, Annulment
 - b. Grounds
 - c. Defenses
 - d. Pleading and Practice
3. Spousal Support
 - a. Actions for Spousal Support
 - b. Grounds/Factors to Be Considered
 - c. Pleading and Practice
4. Parental Rights/Responsibilities and Support
 - a. Sole custody/ shared Parenting
 - b. Visitation
 - c. Rights and Duties
 - d. Enforcement of Support and Visitation (CSEA and URESA)
 - e. Uniform Child Custody and Jurisdiction Act
 - f. Computation of Child Support
 - g. Pleading and Practice
5. Property Rights
 - a. Marital Property/Non-Marital Property
 - b. Special considerations
 - c. Valuation
 - d. Types of Property
 - e. Non-Married Cohabitant
6. Antenuptial Contracts
 - a. Substantive Law
 - b. Marital—Separate Property
 - c. Divorce—Spousal Support Considerations
7. Probate Issues
 - a. Step-Parent Adoption
 - b. Stranger Adoption
 - c. Adult Adoption
 - d. Pleading and Practice
8. Post-Decree Issues
 - a. Modification of Allocation of Parental Rights and Responsibilities
 - b. Modification of Child Support
 - c. Modification of Spousal Support
 - d. Pleading and Practice
9. Paternity Actions
 - a. Who May File
 - b. Biological Testing
 - c. Support for Mother and Child
 - d. Pleading and Practice