

Torts & Personal Injury

LGLA 2303

COURSE SYLLABUS

Revised: January, 2019

I. DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION:

- A. Course Title: Torts and Personal Injury
- B. Course Number: LGLA 2303
- C. Catalog Description: LGLA 2303 Torts and Personal Injury.
This Course presents the fundamental concepts of tort law with emphasis on the paralegal's role. Topics include intentional torts, negligence and strict liability. The student will define and properly use terminology relating to tort law; analyze various types of torts and apply them to certain scenarios, describe and analyze sources of law relating to tort law; and describe the role and ethical obligations of the paralegal in tort law.
- D. Credit: Three hours.
- E. Prerequisite: pre-requisite: LGLA 1307 (Introduction to Law and the Legal Profession)
- F. Course Level: Sophomore
- G. Instructor: Kim Tinajero
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II. COURSE GOALS:

The primary goal is to develop an understanding of the laws that govern all aspects of torts and personal injury law with an emphasis on the elements of various torts. Also, the student is to gain familiarity with the elements of torts, personal injury litigation, and associated terminology, legal research of tort and personal injury issues and providing litigation support in tort and personal injury.

III. REQUIRED TEXTBOOK:

Textbook: Tort Law for Paralegals, Second Edition; By George E. Guay, III and Robert Cummins

IV. EVALUATION:

- A. Tests: The course will have two (2) written examinations. The tests will cover various areas of tort law, which include but are not limited to intentional torts, negligence and strict liability. The two examinations will be given at assigned times during the semester.
- B. Written Assignments:

1. The class will be given various reading/written assignments throughout the semester. Assignments received after the due date will receive a 10 point deduction for each day it is due. Assignments received after 12:00 p.m. three days after the assignment is due will receive a zero. These assignments will be averaged and will make up 20% of your total class grade.
- C. There will be 15 Quizzes throughout the semester that will account for 20% of your final grade. Some of the quizzes are take home. Any quiz received after the due date will receive a 10 point deduction for each day it is due. Assignments received after 12:00 p.m. three days after the assignment is due will receive a zero.
- D. Calculation of Final Grade: The following five (5) grades will be equal weight and averaged for a final grade:
1. Midterm Exam – 25%
 2. Average of the weekly assignments – 20%
 3. Average of Quizzes – 20%
 4. Attendance – 10%
 5. Final Exam (the final exam is comprehensive) – 25%
- E. Letter grades will be calculated as follows:
1. 90 or above: A
 2. 80-89: B
 3. 70-79: C
 4. 60-69: D
 5. 59 or lower: F

V. SYLLABUS REVISIONS:

The syllabus may be revised prior to the beginning of each semester. The date of revision is shown in the upper right-hand corner of the first page. The schedule of assignments may be modified during the semester to accommodate the pace of instruction or special circumstances. One week's notice will be given prior to any changes in the due dates of assignments or test dates.

VI. TEST DATES:

- A. **Midterm Exam**– Thursday, March 7 at 11:25 a.m.
- B. **Final Exam** - (comprehensive)- Thursday, May 2 at 11:25 a.m.