Northwest Arkansas Community College

(Social & Behavioral Sciences Division)

Discipline Code

LEGL

Course Number

2133

Course Title

Torts

Catalog Description

Introduces tort law and includes the topics of negligence, intentional torts, strict and product liability, personal injury litigation and insurance. Topics include ethics, case investigation, legal interviewing, pretrial preparation, document production, and settlement of tort cases.

Prerequisites or Corequisites

LEGL 1043 & LEGL 1104

Credit Hours

3 credit hours

Contact hours

45 contact hours

Load hours

3 load hours

Semesters Offered

Fall & Spring

ACTS Equivalent

N/A

Grade Mode

A-F

Learning Outcomes

Upon the completion of this course, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of basic substantive law of torts, including the elements of the common law torts, and legal vocabulary pertinent to tort law.
- Understand the role of the paralegal and identify ethical dilemmas facing paralegals who work with these types of cases.
- Analyze client fact situations and propose application of the appropriate tort law.

- Discuss the concepts of burdens of proof and presumptions in law.
- Propose appropriate remedies for a given wrong to persons or their property.
- Discuss the possible affirmative defenses for each action.
- Discuss and understand the ideas of comparative and contributory negligence and joint and several liability.
- Formulate definitive legal positions to give direction to the litigation attorney and focus the direction of the legal research in a specific tort action.

General Education Outcomes Supported

N/A

Standard Practices

Topics list

N/A

Learning activities

N/A

Assessments

N/A

Grading guidelines

N/A

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