COURSE TITLE: Delaware Practice

COURSE NUMBER: LES 405

PRE-REQUISITES: ENG121, English Composition I (minimum GPA 2.0/C)  
ENG122, English Composition II (minimum GPA 2.0/C)  
LES 220, Introduction to Legal Studies (minimum GPA 2.0/C)  
LES 225 OR LES 314, Legal Research (minimum GPA 2.0/C)  
LES 226 OR LES 316, Legal Writing (minimum GPA 2.0/C)  
LES 228 OR LES 403, Civil Procedure (minimum GPA 2.0/C)

LEGAL SPECIALTY: Yes

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course discusses various areas of substantive law as they are applied in Delaware. The jurisdiction of each court and their respective rules will also be covered: Justice of the Peace, Court of Common Pleas, Superior Court, Chancery Court, and Delaware Supreme Court. Students may be required to attend one or more court proceeding.

II. COURSE OBJECTIVES

GOAL A: Prepare documents necessary for the representation of clients in a legal matter

Learning Outcomes: Students will be able to:
A-1 Describe the judicial structure of the Delaware court system including jurisdictional differences and routes of appeal
A-2 Compare civil and criminal actions in the Delaware state court system
A-3 Distinguish the rules for initiating and maintaining a proceeding in Federal Court from those applicable to Delaware state courts
A-4 Prepare at least one document (i.e., pleading, motion, subpoena, etc.) for each of the Delaware courts: JP, CCP, Superior, Chancery, and Supreme
A-5 Apply proper English grammar and writing conventions appropriate to the type of document being drafted
A-6 Compare the Bluebook method of citation to the Delaware Uniform Citation Rules

GOAL B: Perform factual and legal research

Learning Outcomes: Students will be able to:
B-1 Locate the various Delaware court rules, both electronically and in print
B-2 Describe the Delaware specific or “local customs” rules of the courts
B-3 Locate specific forms or other documents required by the Delaware courts
B-4 Locate the Digest of Lawyer Discipline for the Delaware Office of Disciplinary Counsel

GOAL C: Perform all delegated functions in conformity with the legal and ethical principles regulating the legal services industry

Learning Outcomes: Students will be able to:
C-1 Explain the purpose and processes of the Delaware Office of Disciplinary Counsel
C-2 Identify the most common ethical violations and what actions can be taken by nonattorney staff to avoid complaints

GOAL D: Organize and maintain printed and electronic information related to multiple ongoing interests through effective prioritization and time management

Learning Outcomes: Students will be able to:
D-1 Explain the technical and timing variances between the federal and Delaware court systems
D-2 Discuss the various methods that law firms use to manage large case loads
D-3 Create and maintain electronic documents
D-4 Manipulate electronic documents via email or Blackboard

GOAL E: Interact professionally and cooperatively with a service orientation toward co-workers, clients, and vendors.

Learning Outcomes: Students will be able to:
E-1 Describe the “culture” of the legal profession in Delaware
E-2 Explain the importance of civility and professionalism toward opposing counsel, witnesses, experts, and judicial staff and the expectations of the Delaware judiciary