

COURSE TITLE AND NUMBER: LA 207 Master.doc

North Central **Michigan College**

NCMC MASTER COURSE SYLLABUS

Last Date Revised 3/2004

DIVISION/AREA: Business and Technology

DEPARTMENT:

DIVISION DIRECTOR: Robert J. Marsh, Ph.D.

ORIGINATOR:

DEAN OF INSTRUCTION: Timothy Dykstra, Ph.D.

TOTAL HOURS OF INSTRUCTION: 3 LECTURE: 3 LAB: 0 TOTAL CONTACT HOURS: 52.8

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CREDIT HOURS: 3

COURSE TITLE: Family Law

TRANSFERABLE

YES:

NO: X

TO:

PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE(S)/ADVISORY:

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

The student will survey the general practice of family law as it applies to both circuit and probate courts. The student will be able to prepare divorce complaints, complete verified statements, draft personal protection orders, and other relevant documents.

GENERAL EDUCATION OUTCOMES:

- Think critically and analytically
 - Write and speak effectively
 - Independently acquire knowledge
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COURSE OBJECTIVES & OUTCOMES:

Through this class students will:

- Develop an understanding of all aspects of family law including Divorce and Custody, Domestic Violence, and Friend of the Court Matters.
 - Better understand the actual functions of a legal firm.
 - Be exposed to various forms and materials which are often used in Family Law Practice.
 - Develop critical thinking skills.
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METHODS OF INSTRUCTION: Primarily lecture, supplemented with homework readings and assignments and in class exercises

METHODS OF EVALUATION: Exams, quizzes, research paper

REQUIRED TEXTS: None

OPTIONAL SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS: Supplied by instructor

Reasonable accommodations may be provided for students with documented physical, sensory, cognitive, systemic, and/or psychiatric disabilities. Please contact the Education Opportunity Program (EOP) at (231) 348-6687 to arrange services for this course.

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TIME ALLOWANCE AND SEQUENCE OF INSTRUCTION:

Week	Topic, assignment
1	Review Policy, procedures and assignments for the term. Explanation of quiz make-ups and extra credit. Handout for Lecture I. <i>LECTURE I: Marriage, annulment and separate maintenance.</i> Handout for Lecture II
2	QUIZ ON LECTURE I—25 points <i>LECTURE II: Custody</i> Handouts for Lecture III
3	QUIZ ON LECTURE II—25 points <i>LECTURE III: Parenting Time</i> Handouts for Lecture IV
4	QUIZ ON LECTURE III—25 points <i>LECTURE IV: Basic Principles of Child Support</i> Handouts for Lecture V
5	QUIZ ON LECTURE IV—25 points <i>LECTURE V: Basic Principles of Spousal Support</i> <i>LECTURE VI: Advanced Child Support and Spousal Support</i> Power Point Presentation Take Home Test—50 points
6	QUIZ ON LECTURE V—25 points Home Test Due Hand-out for Lecture VII <i>LECTURE VII: PPO's and Domestic Violence—Ex Parte Relief</i> Hand-out for Lecture VIII
7	No quiz. <i>LECTURE VIII: Property Division</i> Hand-out for Lecture VIII
8	QUIZ ON LECTURE VIII-25 points Review all Quizzes Return and Review Take Home Test Review—Questions and Answers
9	MID TERM EXAM—75 points
10	<i>LECTURE IX: The role of the lawyer, paralegal, legal secretary, receptionist, Judge, Referee, Caseworker, Client</i> Guest Speaker(s) Return and Review Mid-Term

11	In Class Hand-outs <i>LECTURE X: Discovery in Divorce Cases</i> Hand-out from Lecture XI Extra Credit—Office Tour Throw out any quiz—Replace with 25 points
12	<i>LECTURE XI: Divorce Judgments</i> Hand-outs for Lecture XII
13	QUIZ ON LECTURE XII—25 points <i>LECTURE XII: Post Judgment Practice</i>
14	Reserved for class make-up or catch-up Review Begins with focus on Lectures IX-XII
15	Final Exam Part One-SHORT ANSWER AND ESSAY EXAMINATION Limited to Lectures IX-XII—50 points Review concluded—Questions and Answers Extra Credit Due
16	Return Exam Part One Final Exam Part Two- MULTIPLE CHOICE OR TRUE OR FALSE— 50 points Grades Announced

APPROVED FOR ADOPTION BY THE CRD/AP COMMITTEE ON _____