



## WOL-501 Ethics

### **Description:**

One of the most important facets of the legal profession is the ability to carry out legal duties in an ethical manner. WOL-501 serves as both an Introduction to the Paralegal profession, in general, but also as an introduction to help students develop an understanding of ethical guidelines that cover efforts to regulate the profession in legislatures, courts, bar associations, and paralegal associations. This course also introduces the Legal System and the place paralegals hold in that system. It conveys its main points through thoughtful reading selections, case studies, and multiple opportunities to learn key terms through flashcards.

**Textbook:** Introduction to Paralegalism 8<sup>th</sup> Ed. – Statsky – ISBN: 9781285863344

### **Course objectives:**

Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:

- Know the 25 major ethical guidelines for paralegals.
- Explain how attorneys are regulated, including the sanctions that can be imposed for unethical conduct.
- List ways that paralegals can stay competent.
- List ways in which wrongdoing by paralegals can lead to sanctions against their supervising attorneys.
- Know the ethical rules governing misconduct by attorneys, paralegals, and clients.
- Define conflict of interest and summarize the major conflicts that can exist.
- Know the different ways in which paralegals are regulated.

### **Contents:**

Ch 1: Introduction to a New Career in Law  
Ch 2: Paralegal Employment  
Ch 3: Assertiveness Training for Paralegals  
Ch 4: The Regulation of Paralegals  
Ch 5: Attorney Ethics and Paralegal Ethics  
Ch 6: Introduction to the Legal System

**Grading Scale**

**Grade Weighting**

A = 90-100%  
B = 80-89.9%  
C = 70-79.9%  
F = under 70%

Chapter Quizzes..... 70%  
Final Exam..... 30%  
100%