

# PALE 365 : Courts and Litigation

This course is designed to introduce the student to the federal and state court system while offering instruction in civil litigation procedures commencing from the initial client interview through file organization to the trial any subsequent appeals. The course will also include instruction on procedures authorized under the civil procedure code. Emphasis will be placed on the content and preparation of documents prepared for civil lawsuits.

**Credits** 3

**CIP Code**

22.0302

**Prerequisites**

(LIBR 150 may be taken concurrently).

**Prerequisite Courses**

PALE 250

LIBR 150

**Course Outcomes**

After successfully completing the course, the learner will be able to:

- Give the student an understanding of the jurisdiction of state and federal trial and appellate courts, venue, and the role of lawyers, paralegals and the court system in the resolution of disputes
- Introduce the student to the most common causes of action filed in the court system
- Instruct the student on how to conduct initial client interviews, identify and prepare pleadings, and assist in motion practice
- Instruct the student in the tools and methods used in the discovery process
- Introduce the student to the rules of evidence
- Introduce the student to methods of alternative dispute resolution