

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary**

Course Prefix and Number: LGL 200

Credits: 1

Course Title: Ethics for the Paralegal

Course Description: Examines general principles of ethical conduct applicable to paralegals. Includes the application of rules of ethics to the practicing paralegal. Lecture 1 hour per week.

General Course Purpose: Serves as a course requirement for the Paralegal Studies AAS degree. Familiarizes students with the Rules of Professional Conduct and their application to the paralegal.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:

Prerequisites: None

Course Objectives:

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

- a. Apply the Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct to the role and function of the paralegal; and
- b. Identify unethical conduct in a given situation.

Major Topics to Be Included:

- a. Integrity and competence
- b. Available legal services
- c. Unauthorized practice
- d. Preserving confidences and secrets
- e. Representing adverse interests
- f. Competence and professional negligence
- g. Zealous representation within the bounds of the law
- h. Working to improve the legal system
- i. Avoiding the appearance of impropriety

Effective Date of Course Content Summary: June 2, 2016