



# Paralegal (PLS) 35

## Immigration Law - Fall 2013 (AT-A201)

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### Course Description

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This course is a study of concepts of immigration law including grounds of exclusion, defense to deportation - removal, petitions and visa applications. Research and writing will be emphasized in the areas of amnesty, naturalization, citizenship, international law and criminal aspects of immigration.

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### Grading and Evaluation – TOTAL POINTS 1000

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**There are NO EXAMS in this class. Your grade for this class will be based on the following:**

Class Attendance	50 points
Class Participation	50 points
Chapter PowerPoint Presentation	200 points
Current Event	50 points
Practical Assignments	650 points
• Cancellation of Removal Application Packet and Memorandum	100 points
• Asylum Application Packet and Memorandum	100 points
• Adjustment of Status I-485 Green Card Application Packet and Memorandum AND I-601 Inadmissibility Waiver Application Packet and Memorandum	250 points
• Attend Immigration Court (EOIR) and Prepare Court Summary	100 points
• N-400 Naturalization Application Packet and Memorandum	100 points
**Possible POP Quizzes	25 points each

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### Course Text

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*Required Book: Essentials of Immigration Law, THIRD (3<sup>rd</sup>) Edition by Richard A. Boswell*

*OPTIONAL BOOK: Kurzban's Immigration Law Sourcebook, 13th Ed. –*

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### Students with Disabilities

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Students with disabilities who believe they may need accommodations in this class are encouraged to contact Supportive Services in *HRLC 119* or via telephone at *(310) 287-4450* as soon as possible to better ensure such accommodations are implemented in a timely fashion.

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## Student Learning Outcomes

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This class is intended to prepare you to begin your work as a legal assistant in the Immigration Field. By the end of this class, you will know the basic substantive and procedural rules governing the U.S. Immigration process and how to prepare immigration documents. However, learning the rules and applying the knowledge are usually two different things. Thus, not only will you learn the rules and be tested; you will also apply that knowledge.

This course will help students achieve the following institutional Student Learning Outcomes:

- A. **Critical Thinking:** Analyze problems by differentiating fact from opinions, using evidence, and using sound reasoning to specify multiple solutions and their consequences.
  - **Assessment:** The student will read factual scenarios and prepare immigration filing packages, legal briefs and memorandum based on the applicable law. The student will also be able to define the laws and policies relating to immigration into the United States.
- B. **Ethics:** Practice and demonstrate standards of personal and professional integrity, honesty and fairness; apply ethical principles in submission of all college work.
  - **Assessment:** The student will read articles and handouts about legal ethics and prepare outlines and summaries to gain knowledge of necessary legal ethics.
- C. **Communication:** Effectively communicate thought in a clear, well-organized manner to persuade, inform, and convey ideas in academic, work, family and community settings.
  - **Assessment:** The student will participate in class legal discussions and listserv.
- D. **Civic Responsibility:** Apply the principles of civility to situations in the contexts of work, family, community and the global world.
  - **Assessment:** The student reads about Immigration Court Rules, decisions and real life scenarios and *give a written account of what you learned from the experience.*

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## Useful Websites

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US Citizenship & Immigration Service <http://www.uscis.gov/>

Executive Office For Immigration Review and Board of Immigration Appeals <http://www.usdoj.gov/eoir>

Us Department of State <http://www.state.gov>

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## Text Reading Assignments

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### WEEK 1

Introduction to the Class  
Syllabus and Requirements  
Current Event Assignment

**Homework:** Read Chapter 1  
Current Event

## WEEK 2

**DUE: IMMIGRATION CURRENT EVENT (HARDCOPY OF ARTICLE & SUMMARY)**

**POWERPOINT ASSIGNMENT - You Will Be Assigned A Specific Chapter and given instructions**

**Lecture: The Administration and Development of Immigration Law & Immigrant's Rights Under the Constitution (CHAPTER 1)**

Brief History of Immigration Laws  
Agencies Involved  
Immigrants & the Constitution  
Meeting with the Client  
Interview Techniques

Interviewing Tips  
Procedure for Opening a File  
Procedure for the Tickler System  
Mock Consultation

**Homework: Read Chapters 1 &2**

## WEEK 3

**Lecture: The Administration and Development of Immigration Law & Immigrant's Rights Under the Constitution (CHAPTER 1)**

Brief History of Immigration Laws  
Agencies Involved  
Immigrants & the Constitution  
Meeting with the Client

Interview Techniques  
Interviewing Tips  
Procedure for Opening a File  
Procedure for the Tickler System

**Lecture: Inadmissibility, Deportability, Waivers and Relief from Removal (CHAPTER 2)**

Inadmissibility and Deportability Provisions  
Grounds of Inadmissibility and Deportability  
Waivers  
Relief

**Homework: Read Chapter 2**

**Attend Immigration Court & Prepare Court Summary (Due Week 12)**

Executive Office for Immigration Review  
Immigration Court  
606 S. Olive Street  
15<sup>th</sup> Floor – Information Window  
Los Angeles, California 90014

## WEEK 4

**Lecture: Inadmissibility, Deportability, Waivers and Relief from Removal (CHAPTER 2)**

- In class: Lecture, Review PowerPoint presentation, Review Handouts, Possible Pop Quiz, Q&A.***

Overview  
Inadmissibility and Deportability Provisions

Grounds of Inadmissibility and Deportability  
Waivers  
Relief

**Homework: Read Chapter 2**

**Continue Assigned Chapter PowerPoint Presentation**

**Attend Immigration Court & Prepare Court Summary (Due Week 12)**

**Cancellation of Removal Application Packet and Memorandum (You MUST review the Immigration Court Practice Manual for this Assignment**

[http://www.justice.gov/eoir/vii/OCIJPracManual/Practice%20Manual%20Final\\_compressedPDF.pdf](http://www.justice.gov/eoir/vii/OCIJPracManual/Practice%20Manual%20Final_compressedPDF.pdf)

## WEEK 5

### Lecture: Inadmissibility, Deportability, Waivers and Relief from Removal (CHAPTER 2)

- *In class: Lecture, Review PowerPoint presentation, Review Handouts, Possible Pop Quiz, Q&A.*

Overview	Grounds of Inadmissibility and
Inadmissibility and Deportability	Deportability
Provisions	Waivers
	Relief

**Homework:** Read Chapter 3  
Continue Assigned Chapter PowerPoint Presentation  
Attend Immigration Court & Prepare Court Summary (Due Week 12)  
Cancellation of Removal Application Packet and Memorandum

## WEEK 6

### **DUE: POWERPOINT ASSIGNMENT FOR ALL CHAPTERS**

### Lecture: Protection from Harm (CHAPTER 3)

- *In class: Lecture, Review PowerPoint presentation, Review Handouts, Possible Pop Quiz, Q&A.*

Introduction to Asylum	Status of Family Members, Adjustment
Legal Standard for Asylum/Refugee	of Status, Work Authorization, and
Protection	Travel Permit
Bars to Eligibility for Asylum	Withholding of Removal
Procedure for Filing Asylum	Convention Against Torture
Application	

**Homework:** Read Chapter 3  
Attend Immigration Court & Prepare Court Summary (Due Week 12)  
Asylum Application Packet and Memorandum

## WEEK 7

### **DUE: CANCELLATION OF REMOVAL APPLICATION PACKET AND MEMORANDUM**

### Lecture: Protection from Harm (CHAPTER 3)

- *In class: Lecture, Review PowerPoint presentation, Review Handouts, Possible Pop Quiz, Q&A.*

Introduction to Asylum	Status of Family Members, Adjustment
Legal Standard for Asylum/Refugee	of Status, Work Authorization, and
Protection	Travel Permit
Bars to Eligibility for Asylum	Withholding of Removal
Procedure for Filing Asylum	Convention Against Torture
Application	

**Homework:** Read Chapter 4  
Attend Immigration Court & Prepare Court Summary (Due Week 12)  
Asylum Application Packet and Memorandum

## WEEK 8

### Lecture: Protection from Harm (CHAPTER 3)

- *In class: Lecture, Review PowerPoint presentation, Review Handouts, Possible Pop Quiz, Q&A.*

Introduction to Asylum

Legal Standard for Asylum/Refugee Protection

Bars to Eligibility for Asylum

Procedure for Filing Asylum

Application

Status of Family Members, Adjustment of Status, Work Authorization, and Travel Permit

Withholding of Removal

Convention Against Torture

**Homework:** Read Chapter 4

Attend Immigration Court & Prepare Court Summary (Due Week 12)

Asylum Application Packet and Memorandum

## WEEK 9

### DUE: ASYLUM APPLICATION PACKET AND MEMORANDUM

### Lecture: Nonimmigrant Visas-Temporary Admission to the US (CHAPTER 4)

- *In class: Lecture, Review Handouts, Submit Assignment, Assignment Review, Possible Pop Quiz, Q&A.*

Categories of Non-Immigrant Visas

B-1 Visa (Visitors For Business)

B-2 Visa (Visitors For Pleasure)

The Visa Waiver Program (VWP)

The F-1 Visa

The J Visa

**Homework:** Read Chapter 4

Attend Immigration Court & Prepare Court Summary (Due Week 12)

## WEEK 10

### Lecture: Nonimmigrant Visas-Temporary Admission to the US (CHAPTER 4)

- *In class: Lecture, Review Handouts, Submit Assignment, Assignment Review, Possible Pop Quiz, Q&A.*

The H Visa- Temporary Worker

The TN Status

The E Visa

The L Visa

O Visa

The P Visas

The Q-1 Visa

The R-1 Visa

The K-1 Visa

The K-3 Visa

The V Visa

**Homework:** Read Chapter 4

Attend Immigration Court & Prepare Court Summary (Due Week 12)

## WEEK 11

**Lecture: Nonimmigrant Visas-Temporary Admission to the US (CHAPTER 4)**

- *In class: Lecture, Review Handouts, Submit Assignment, Assignment Review, Possible Pop Quiz, Q&A.*

Categories of Non-Immigrant Visas

B-1 Visa (Visitors For Business)

B-2 Visa (Visitors For Pleasure)

The Visa Waiver Program (VWP)

The F-1 Visa

The J Visa

**Homework: Read Chapter 5**

**Attend Immigration Court & Prepare Court Summary (Due Week 12)**

## WEEK 12

### DUE: IMMIGRATION COURT SUMMARY

**Lecture: Immigrant Visas – Lawful Permanent Residence (CHAPTER 5)**

- *In class: Lecture, Review Handouts, Submit Assignment, Assignment Review, Possible Pop Quiz, Q&A.*

Introduction

The Petition Requirement

Routes to Permanent Residency

Family Based Immigrants

**Homework: Read Chapter 5**

**Adjustment of Status I-485 Green Card Application Packet and Memorandum**

**I-601 Inadmissibility Waiver Application Packet and Memorandum**

## WEEK 13

**Lecture: Immigrant Visas – Lawful Permanent Residence (CHAPTER 5)**

- *In class: Lecture, Review Handouts, Submit Assignment, Assignment Review, Possible Pop Quiz, Q&A.*

The Quota System for Residency

Categories of Family Based Residency

Adjustment of Status

Consular Processing

Conditional Residence

Diversity Immigrants

**Homework: Read Chapter 7**

**Adjustment of Status I-485 Green Card Application Packet and Memorandum**

**I-601 Inadmissibility Waiver Application Packet and Memorandum**

## WEEK 14

**DUE: ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS I-485 GREEN CARD APPLICATION PACKET AND MEMORANDUM  
& I-601 INADMISSIBILITY WAIVER APPLICATION PACKET AND MEMORANDUM**

### Lecture: U.S. Naturalization & Citizenship (CHAPTER 7)

- *In class: Lecture, Review Handouts, Submit Assignment, Assignment Review, Possible Pop Quiz, Q&A.*

Introduction & Overview  
Statutory Requirements  
Bars to Naturalization  
Filing for Naturalization

Citizenship v. Permanent Residency  
Acquiring Citizenship  
Loss of Citizenship  
Citizenship Procedure

**Homework: Read Chapter 7  
N-400 Naturalization Application Packet and Memorandum**

## WEEK 15

### Lecture: U.S. Naturalization & Citizenship (CHAPTER 7)

- *In class: Lecture, Review Handouts, Submit Assignment, Assignment Review, Possible Pop Quiz, Q&A.*

Introduction & Overview  
Statutory Requirements  
Bars to Naturalization  
Filing for Naturalization

Citizenship v. Permanent Residency  
Acquiring Citizenship  
Loss of Citizenship  
Citizenship Procedure

**Homework: Read Chapter 6  
N-400 Naturalization Application Packet and Memorandum**

## WEEK 16

**DUE: N-400 NATURALIZATION APPLICATION PACKET AND MEMORANDUM**

### Lecture: Administrative and Judicial Review (CHAPTER 6)

- *In class: Lecture, Review Handouts, Submit Assignment, Assignment Review, Possible Pop Quiz, Q&A.*

Motions  
Appeals

Review by the Attorney General  
Judicial Review

## PLS 35 Current Event Assignment

**DUE: SEPTEMBER 4, 2013**

A major goal of this course is to promote understanding of important legal issues related to immigration law. Knowledge of current events is essential to facilitate this process. Please pick a topic from ANY CHAPTER in our textbook and prepare a current event.

Your assignment is to choose one main topic from the book 11 that interests you the most, read about that topic and prepare a current event.

- From the popular press (newspaper and magazine articles), choose an article that presents the topic you have selected from the book.
- Read the article for understanding.
- Write an in depth one page summary (who, what, when, where, why and how) about the article. Make sure you discuss the major the topics in the article and highlight the main points.
- How is your article related to the topic you have chosen from the book? How does the article fit in with topic covered in the bookr?
- Give your opinion about the topic of the article. Describe how you feel about the article.
- **Attach** a copy of the ACTUAL article to your submission. YOU WILL AT LOSE LEAST 10 IF YOU DO NOT ATTACH THE ACTUAL ARTICLE (NOT THE LINK) TO YOUR ASSIGNMENT
- Make sure everything is spelled correctly and the grammar is correct.