

**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:**

None

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

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

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