

(245) Legal Office Procedures

Description

Evaluate knowledge of legal terminology and skills needed to prepare legal documents and function effectively in a law office.

Eligibility

Any student member may enter this event.

Contestant must supply

Sharpened No. 2 pencils, pens

Cordless calculator: Electronic devices will be monitored according to ACT standards. See [NLC](#)

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Published and/or unpublished non-electronic written reference materials

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Competencies

- Demonstrate knowledge of the basic terminology and office procedures needed to work effectively in a legal environment
- Apply technical skills to produce a variety of office documents
- Demonstrate proficiency in information processing using manual and computerized systems
- Provide customer support and service
- Monitor and respond to electronic mail
- Prepare and maintain inventory of equipment and supplies
- Maintain filing systems (alphabetical, subject, numerical, and chronological) using ARMA rules
- Demonstrate understanding of legal terminology and Latin words pertaining to legal terminology
- Use correct format in drafting client correspondence and legal documents, including pleadings (pleadings may include Service of Process, Complaints, Counterclaims, Divorce Decrees, Final Judgments, etc.)
- Prepare litigation and non-litigation documents
- Research and locate legal information and records
- Maintain client account records and prepare billing statements
- Demonstrate knowledge of federal, state, and local court structures and proceedings
- Identify ethical responsibilities of the legal profession
- Maintain electronic files

Equipment/supplies provided

Computer, printer, and paper

Software as designated for this event

Method of evaluation

Application and Objective Test

Length of event

No more than ten (10) minutes orientation

No more than sixty (60) minutes testing time

No more than ten (10) minutes wrap-up

Entries

Each state is allowed five (5) entries