

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College**

**COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY**

**COURSE PREFIX and NUMBER:** LGL 117

**CREDITS:** 3

**COURSE TITLE:** Family Law

**Course Description:** Studies elements of a valid marriage, grounds for divorce and annulment, separation, defenses, custody, support, adoptions, and applicable tax consequences. Includes property settlement, pre- and ante-nuptial agreements, pleadings, and rules of procedure. May include specific federal and Virginia consumer laws and an overview of bankruptcy law. Lecture 3 hours per week.

**General Course Purpose:** To acquaint the student with the laws concerning domestic relations with emphasis on drafting of documents.

**Course Prerequisites/Co-requisites:** None

**Major Topics to be Included:**

- a. Marriage in Virginia
- b. Annulment
- c. Divorce from Bed and Board
- d. Divorce from Bond of Matrimony
- e. Procedure and process of divorce or annulment
- f. Child Custody and Support
- g. Spousal Support/Equitable Distribution
- h. Adoption
- i. Bankruptcy
- j. Specific consumer Statutes

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:

- a. Understand Virginia's family laws.
- b. Prepare documents for the different types of divorces and annulment.
- c. Understand the mechanics of filing and obtaining various court decrees.
- d. Provide information on specific consumer laws.
- e. Understand the concept of bankruptcy.

**Effective Date of Course Content Summary:** Revised February, 2009