AAS in Paralegal Studies & Litigation Practice

American Bar Association (ABA) Approved Curriculum Roadmap

Irongate College of Law & Public Service - Detroit, MI

PROGRAM OVERVIEW & OBJECTIVES

The AAS in Paralegal Studies prepares students for immediate employment in private law firms, corporate legal departments, and government agencies. Students receive intensive practical instruction in legal research, Westlaw, civil litigation pleadings, contract analysis, and e-discovery workflows.

FOUR-SEMESTER COURSE SEQUENCE

Semester 1: PARA 101 Intro to Law, PARA 110 Civil Litigation, CRIM 101 Intro to CJ, ENGL 101 Legal Composition. Semester 2: PARA 205 Legal Research, PARA 220 Tort Law, PARA 230 Contracts, General Elective. Semester 3: PARA 280 E-Discovery, PARA 240 Real Estate, PARA 270 Family Law, MEDI 101 ADR. Semester 4: PARA 385 Trial Prep, PARA 395 Clinical Internship.

ETHICAL CANONS & UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE

Paralegals work under the direct supervision of licensed attorneys and may not give legal advice, represent clients in court, or set legal fees pursuant to Michigan Rule of Professional Conduct 5.3.