Faculty and Credit Information

Faculty
Shelly Bibb DeAdder  Associate Professor of Legal Writing at North Carolina Central University School of Law
Professor DeAdder received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication Studies with a minor in Spanish from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2002. She then moved to Alexandria, Virginia, and worked as a paralegal in Washington, D.C. until 2005 when she returned to North Carolina to attend law school. Professor DeAdder graduated cum laude from North Carolina Central University School of Law (NCCU Law) in 2008. After law school, Professor DeAdder served as a law clerk for Judge Robert C. Hunter at the North Carolina Court of Appeals from August 2008 to May 2012. From May 2012 to August 2014, she was employed by the North Carolina General Assembly in the nonpartisan Research Division. Professor DeAdder has been teaching full time at NCCU Law since August 2014. She teaches Legal Reasoning and Analysis, Legal Research and Persuasion, Judicial Opinion Writing, Appellate Advocacy and Senior Writing. She is a member of the North Carolina Appellate Defender Roster, representing indigent clients on appeal. Professor DeAdder also drafts the opinions of the Cherokee Supreme Court on a contract basis.

Continuing Education Credit Information
Each webinar offers 4.0 CLE hours, including one ethics hour to certified and uncertified paralegals. They have been approved by the National Federation of Paralegal Associations, the National Association of Legal Assistants, and the North Carolina State Bar Board of Paralegal Certification. The Texas Board of Paralegal Certification has approved each webinar for 4.0 CLE hours in the specialty areas of Bankruptcy Law, Civil Trial Law, Criminal Law, Family Law, and Personal Injury Trial Law. These webinars will qualify for paralegal CLE credit in California and Florida.

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Legal Research and Writing for Paralegals Webinar Series
Wednesday, April 29, and Thursday, April 30, 2020 - Online

Legal Research for Paralegals
Wednesday, April 29, 2020, 11:00 AM - 3:30 PM CDT
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Legal Research and Writing for Paralegals

Legal Research for Paralegals - Wednesday, April 29
- Legal Research Basics
- Identifying Ethical Issues in Research
- Legal Research Case Study

Legal Writing for Paralegals - Thursday, April 30
- Legal Writing for Legal Assistants
- Ethical Issues in Legal Writing
- Legal Writing Case Study

Total Credits:
NFPA – 8.0 CLE hours, including 2.0 ethics hours
NALA – 8.0 CLE hours, including 2.0 ethics hours
California Paralegals – 8.0 CLE hours, including 2.0 ethics hours
Florida Paralegals – 8.0 CLE hours, including 2.0 ethics hours
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Legal Research for Paralegals

Wednesday, April 29, 2020, 11:00 AM - 3:30 PM CDT (with a 30 min break) Tuition: $200

Agenda:
Legal Research Basics
- Sources of the law
  - Primary sources: constitutions, statutes, case law, and administrative codes
  - Secondary sources: treatises, articles, encyclopedias, etc.

Locating sources via paid and free services

Analyzing information for relevance and meaning — understanding how sources connect

Updating your research

Identifying Ethical Issues in Research

Evaluating sources for objectivity and reliability

Identifying sources that refute your arguments

Preventing copyright infringement

Legal Research Case Study

Faculty will use a legal research case study to guide students through the legal research process, including primary and secondary legal research

Credits:

NFPA – 4.0 CLE hours, including 1.0 ethics hour
NALA – 4.0 CLE hours, including 1.0 ethics hour
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Legal Writing for Paralegals

Thursday, April 30, 2020, 11:00 AM - 3:30 PM CDT (with a 30 min break) Tuition: $200

Agenda:
Legal Writing for Legal Assistants

Legal terminology

Drafting legal documents: correspondence, research memoranda, basic pleadings, and briefs

- The rhetorical triangle — audience, purpose, and persona

- Using samples

Crafting a compelling narrative

Structuring a legal analysis — CRAC and beyond

Legal citation skills

Editing and proofreading — ensuring credibility

Ethical Issues in Legal Writing

Preventing plagiarism

The limits of advocacy

- Candor to the court

- Avoiding hyperbole

- Treating adversaries with respect

Legal Writing Case Study

Faculty will use a legal writing case study to guide students through the legal writing process

Credits:

NFPA – 4.0 CLE hours, including 1.0 ethics hour
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Legal research and writing are essential skills for paralegals. This series is designed to provide paralegals with the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively research and write legal documents. The series will cover legal research basics, including primary and secondary sources, and will emphasize ethical issues in legal research. Additionally, the series will cover legal writing basics, including legal terminology and ethical issues in legal writing. Participants will have the opportunity to apply what they learn through case studies and exercises.