INSTRUCTOR: Bill Thoms

OBJECTIVE: This course explores all significant aspects of the immigration and naturalization process in the United States, including the Homeland Security Act of 2002 and the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996. Topics include worker and student visas, as well as Family Residence requirements, and the removal process.

Finally, the course covers citizenship and the requirements for an immigrant to become a citizen. Paralegals who plan to work in this challenging and demanding area will find the information gained in this course especially helpful in a rapidly growing specialty in the law.

EXPECTATIONS: You will be expected to spend an average of 8 hours per week reading and completing writing assignments. Please note that, barring extenuating circumstances, extensions will not be granted for this online course. 70% is the minimum passing score on all tests and assignments for this course. Students may consider working ahead in the curriculum if they have the time. Coursework in Immigration Law is equivalent to 45 clock hours of study.

PREREQUISITES: Successful completion of Paralegal I and II, or equivalent experience.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED LEGAL RESOURCES:
- *WESTLAW* legal research access, available for the duration of the course for only $75. Click Here to Order

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Reading Assignments for Lesson Topics:

**Lesson One:** Introduction: Federal Power to Regulate Immigration and Visitors for Business and Pleasure  
  Read Chapters 1 & 2 in *Immigration Law for Paralegals* (IML)

**Lesson Two:** Visas for Temporary Workers and Temporary Visas for Students  
  Read Chapters 3 & 4 in IML

**Lesson Three:** Employment Based Temporary Visas for Particular Occupations and Investor Immigrant Preferences  
  Read Chapters 5 & 7 in IML
Lesson Four: Family Based Residency and Visas; Claiming Asylum or Protection
Read Chapters 6 & 8 in IML

Lesson Five: Seeking Relief through Appeals and Citizenship
Read Chapters 9 & 10 in IML

Lesson Six: Post 9/11 Issues
Read Chapter 11 in IML

WRITING ASSIGNMENTS: For each lesson you will submit a 50 point short answer assignment covering the topics in that lesson’s reading. These assignments are due by 9:00 a.m. each Friday.

EXAMS: You will complete two exams. Each is worth 100 points. The Midterm exam is to be submitted with your Lesson Three Assignments; the Final exam is to be submitted with your Lesson Six Assignments.

BULLETIN BOARD ASSIGNMENTS: You will also post your responses to six class participation assignments. These assignments are referred to as Bulletin Board Submissions and will be submitted by either selecting Bulletin Board Submission from within the lesson material, or by selecting ‘Forums’ under Activities on the Left Hand Block.

All lesson objectives, assignments, and tests can be found in the Lesson Materials.

GRADING: Your grade will be based on your completion of six writing assignment assignments, two exams, and class participation/Bulletin Board Submissions. The exams and writing assignments can be accessed from within the lesson material, or by selecting ‘Assignments’ under Activities on the Left Hand Block. You will have the opportunity to engage in “class participation” by using the Bulletin Board tool to respond to the bulletin board assignments throughout the course. Also, participating in the bulletin board assignments will enhance your understanding of the reading material.

Your final grade will be figured as follows:

- The six writing assignments are worth 50 points each and comprise 40% of your grade.
- The two exams are worth 100 points and comprise 40% of your grade.
- Your participation in class participation assignments comprises 20% of your grade.