



# STARK STATE COLLEGE

## GENERAL SYLLABUS

### Course Information

**Course Name:** Government and Legal Ethics  
**Course Number:** PSC123

### Required Materials

**Textbook(s):** Kent Kauffman and Erin Rybicki, Legal Ethics (4th ed.) Cengage 2023  
**Required Readings:** The Ohio Ethics Commission, "Ohio Ethics Law and Related Statutes," online at <http://www.ethics.ohio.gov/education/factsheets/ethicslaw.pdf>  
 The Ohio Ethics Commission, "Ohio Ethics Law Overview," online at <http://www.ethics.ohio.gov/education/factsheets/Ethics%20Law%20Overview.pdf>

**Additional Materials:** Optional materials are posted on the LMS

### Course Outline/Calendar

The date of coverage and order of coverage may be modified based on the faculty member and events beyond the control of faculty members that interfere with class times and teaching.

| Week | Assignments   |
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| 1    | Reading assignment and topic: Legal Ethics, Ch. 1, "Lawyers, Paralegals and the Regulation of the Legal Profession"   |
| 2    | Reading assignment and topic: Legal Ethics, Ch. 2, "Paralegals and their Profession"  |
| 3    | Reading assignment and topic: Legal Ethics, Ch. 3, "The Unauthorized Practice of Law"   |
| 4    | Reading assignment and topic: Legal Ethics, Ch. 4, "Confidentiality and the Attorney-Client Privilege"  |
| 5    | Reading assignment and topic: Legal Ethics, Ch. 5, "Conflicts of Interest"  |
| 6    | Reading assignment and topic: Legal Ethics, Ch. 6, "Advertising and Solicitation"   |
| 7    | Reading assignment and topic: Legal Ethics, Ch. 7, "Fees and Fee Sharing"   |
| 8    | Reading assignment and topic: Legal Ethics, Ch. 8, Ethics in Litigation, Malpractice Liability and Pro Bono Services<br>Midterm Exam  |
| 9    | Reading assignments and topics: "Ohio Ethics Law Overview," Introduction and Chapter 1 (Definitions) and Advisory Opinions included in Chapter 1 (links to opinions found in the chapter); "Ohio Ethics Law and Related Statutes," R.C. 102.01; "Ohio Ethics Law Overview," Chapter 2 (Financial Disclosure) and Financial Disclosure Homepage (link to Homepage found in Chapter 2); "Ohio Ethics Law and Related Statutes," R.C. 102.02, 102.09 |

| <b>Week</b> | <b>Assignments</b>  |
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| 10          | Reading assignments and topics: "Ohio Ethics Law Overview," Chapter 3 (Post-Employment) and Advisory Opinions included in Chapter 3 (links to opinions found in the chapter); Ohio Ethics Law and Related Statutes," R.C. 102.03(A)(1) and 102.021  |
| 11          | Reading assignments and topics: "Ohio Ethics Law Overview," Chapter 4 (Confidentiality) and Advisory Opinions included in Chapter 4 (links to opinions found in the chapter); "Ohio Ethics Law and Related Statutes," R.C. 102.03(B) and R.C. 102.03(D)   |
| 12          | Reading assignments and topics: "Ohio Ethics Law Overview," Chapter 5 (Conflicts of Interest) and Advisory Opinions included in Chapter 5 (links to opinions found in the chapter) and Chapter 6 (Honorarium and Travel Expenses Restrictions) and Advisory Opinions included in Chapter 6 (links to opinions found in the chapter);<br>"Ohio Ethics Law and Related Statutes," R.C. 102.03(E) and R.C. 102.03(H)(1), (H)(2), and (I) |
| 13          | Reading assignments and topics: "Ohio Ethics Law Overview," Chapter 8 (Rendering Services on a Matter before another Public Agency) and Chapter 11 (Supplemental Compensation) and Advisory Opinions included in Chapter 11 (links to opinions found in the chapter); Ohio Ethics Law and Related Statutes," R.C. 102.04, R.C. 2921.43  |
| 14          | Reading assignments and topics: "Ohio Ethics Law Overview," Chapter 9 (Public Contract Law) and Advisory Opinions included in Chapter 9 (links to opinions found in the chapter); "Ohio Ethics Law and Related Statutes," R.C. 2921.42(A)(1), (A)(2), (A)(3), and (A)(4)  |
| 15          | Reading assignments and topics: "Ohio Ethics Law Overview," Chapter 10 (Nepotism) and Advisory Opinions included in Chapter 10 (links to opinions found in the chapter); Ohio Ethics Law and Related Statutes," R.C. 2921.42(A)(1)  |
| 16          | FINAL EXAM  |