



# DOMESTIC RELATIONS

## DOMR200 — Domestic Relations, 3.0 hours

### PROFESSOR

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### ONLINE SUPPORT (IT) AND MOODLE NAVIGATION:

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All members of the Lakewood University community who use the University's computing, information or communication resources must act responsibly. Support is accessible by calling 1-800-517-0857 option 2 or by emailing [info@lakewood.edu](mailto:info@lakewood.edu)

### BOOKS AND RESOURCES

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Statsky, William P. Family Law. 7th edition. Cengage Learning US, 2020.

### EVALUATION METHOD

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Graded work will receive a numeric score reflecting the quality of performance.

Course Requirement Summary

- Assignments - Total of 40 Points
- Weekly discussion forums-Total of 80 Points
- Midterm Essay - 20 points
- Final Exam - 50 Points

### GRADING SCALE

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Graded work will receive a numeric score reflecting the quality of performance as given above in evaluation methods. The maximum number of points a student may earn is 190. To determine the final grade, the student's earned points are divided by 190.

Your overall course grade will be determined according to the following scale:

A = (90% -100%)  
B = (80% - 89%)

C = (70% - 79%)

D = (60% - 69%)

F < (Below 60%)

## ACADEMIC INTEGRITY/ PLAGIARISM:

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Cheating (dishonestly taking the knowledge of another person whether on a test or an assignment and presenting it as your work) and plagiarism (to take and pass off as one's own the ideas or writing of another) are a serious issue. While it is legitimate to talk to others about your assignments and incorporate suggestions, do not let others "write" your assignments in the name of peer review or "borrow" sections or whole assignments written by others. We do get ideas from life experiences and what we read but be careful that you interpret these ideas and make them your own.

I am aware that many types of assignments are available on the internet and will check these sources when there is legitimate suspicion.

Penalty is a zero on the assignment. In cases where there is a major or continuous breach of trust, further discipline, such as an "F" in the course, may be necessary.

The major consequence of any form of cheating is damage to your character and the result of trust and respect.

## DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS

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Students who have a disability and wish to request an academic accommodation should contact Jim Gepperth, the Disabilities Services Coordinator and Academic Dean. The student can request an accommodation at any time although it is encouraged to do so early in the enrollment process. The student should complete an accommodation request form which begins a conversation between the school and the student regarding the nature of their disability and an accommodation that would help the student succeed in their program. The school may request documentation regarding the disability to address the accommodation request effectively. The school will communicate to the student the type of accommodation arranged. This process typically follows a team approach, bringing together persons from the academic department (including the instructor) and personnel from other departments as necessary. Additional information on disability accommodations may be found in the Lakewood University Catalog.

Disability Services Email: [disabilityservices@lakewood.edu](mailto:disabilityservices@lakewood.edu)

## SUPPLEMENTAL TEXTS

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You can use the following resources to assist you with proper source citation.

American Psychological Association Style Guide- [https://www.mylakewoodu.com/pluginfile.php/118179/mod\\_resource/content/1/APA%20Style%20Guide%207th%20edition.pdf](https://www.mylakewoodu.com/pluginfile.php/118179/mod_resource/content/1/APA%20Style%20Guide%207th%20edition.pdf)

The Purdue OWL website is also a helpful resource for students. Here is a link to the OWL website: [https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research\\_and\\_citation/apa\\_style/apa\\_formatting\\_and\\_style\\_guide/general\\_format.html](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/general_format.html)

## LIBRARY

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Mary O'Dell is the Librarian on staff at Lakewood University

She is available by appointment. You can make an appointment with her by emailing her at [modell@lakewood.edu](mailto:modell@lakewood.edu) or call at 1-800-517-0857 X 730

You may also schedule a meeting at this link: <https://my.setmore.com/calendar#monthly/r3a761583354923270/01032020>

She can assist you with navigating LIRN, research, citations etc.

## SUPPORT

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Each student at Lakewood University is assigned a Success Coach. Your Success Coach exists to assist you with academic and supportive services as you navigate your program. They will reach out to you, often, to check-in. Please use the resources they offer.

Student Services is available to assist with technical questions regarding Lakewood University and all services available to you.

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 studentservices@lakewood.edu

## CAREER SERVICES

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## LESSONS

TITLE	COURSE TOPIC	READINGS/ASSIGNMENTS	DUE	OBJECTIVES
Lesson #1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction to Family Law and Practice</li> <li>Premarital, Postnuptial, and Cohabitation Agreements</li> </ul>	Study Course Syllabus Read Chapters 1 & 2 Review PowerPoints Participate in the Discussion Forum Complete Assignment 1	Assignment 1 upon completion of the lesson	Objective 2
Lesson #2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traditional Marriage and Alternatives</li> <li>Annulment</li> </ul>	Read Chapters 3 & 4 Review PowerPoints Participate in 2 Discussion Forum		Objective 4
Lesson #3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Divorce Grounds and Procedure</li> <li>Spousal Support, Property Division, and the Separation Agreement</li> </ul>	Read Chapters 5 & 6 Review PowerPoints Participate in the Discussion Forum Complete Assignment 2	Assignment 2 upon completion of the lesson	Objective 5
Lesson #4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child Custody</li> <li>Child Support</li> </ul>	Read Chapters 7 & 8 Review PowerPoints Complete Midterm Writing Assignment	Midterm Writing Assignment upon completion of the lesson	Objective 1 Objective 2
Lesson #5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tax Consequences of Separation and Divorce</li> <li>The Legal Rights of Women</li> </ul>	Read Chapters 9 & 10 Review PowerPoints Participate in 2 Discussion Forum		Objective 8
Lesson #6				Objective 3

- Illegitimacy and Paternity
- The Legal Status of Children
- Adoption

Read Chapters 11, 12, 13  
Review PowerPoints  
Participate in the Discussion Forum  
Complete Assignment 3

Assignment 3 upon completion of the lesson

Objective 4

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Lesson #7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The New Science of Motherhood</li> <li>• Torts and Family Law</li> </ul>	Read Chapters 14 & 15 Review PowerPoints Participate in the Discussion Forum Complete Assignment 4	Assignment 4 upon completion of the lesson	Objective 4 Objective 5

TITLE	COURSE TOPIC	READINGS/ASSIGNMENTS	DUE	OBJECTIVES
Lesson #8		Review the PowerPoint Complete the Final Exam Request the Next Course Evaluation THANKS FOR A GREAT CLASS	Final exam upon completion of the lesson	Objective 6

## DESCRIPTION

This course is designed for the student who is interested in working in the area of family law. The student will learn the legal principles and processes involved in the law of marriage, divorce, separation, support, custody and visitation, annulment, and adoption. Common agreements, pleadings, and other documents applicable to these topics are set forth. Also covered are the tax consequences of separation and divorce.

### Program Objectives

1. Understand the composition of a family law office and the paralegal's role in the office.
2. Review and analyze premarital and cohabitation agreements.
3. Illustrate your knowledge of marriage and alternatives to marriage.
4. Examine the differences between divorce, dissolution, and annulment and the grounds for these actions.
5. Identify pertinent law in relation to awarding alimony/spousal support.
6. Describe child support and child custody law.
7. Recognize the tax consequences of divorce.
8. Discuss the unique legal problems faced by women and children.
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