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CHIPPEWA VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE PARALEGAL PROGRAM NEWSLETTER [LINDA OLIVER, EDITOR]

Saturday Classes

River Falls

Are you having trouble getting in that required face-to-face class? Great news! The Paralegal Program will offer classes during the spring 2008 semester on Saturdays in River Falls. So, regardless of where you usually take classes—online or in Eau Claire—you now have a Saturday option.

The classes offered are Family Law and Criminal Law-Paralegal; one class will start at 8.a.m. and the other at 12 noon. Watch the posted schedule on the CVTC Web site for spring semester.

Spring Classes

Already anticipating next semester? Your wait is almost over. Watch for the “final” posted schedule on the CVTC Web site for the spring semester. You should be able to see the finalized

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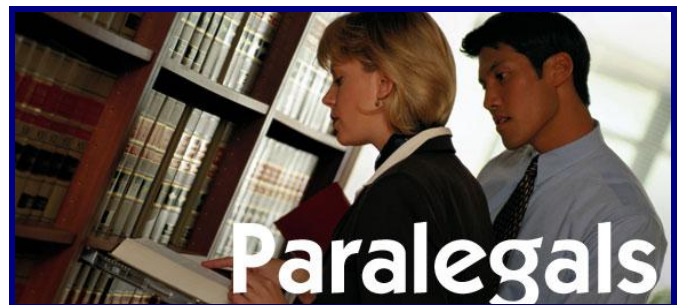


The Future Outlook

Faster than Average Growth through 2014

Paralegal work is some of the most rewarding in the legal profession, though it tends to have less stress associated with it than full-time work as a lawyer. Therefore, competition for a position is rather tough, as it is with many excellent professions. According to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment for paralegals and legal assistants is projected to grow much faster than average for all occupations through 2014.

According to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, employers are trying to reduce costs and increase the availability and efficiency of legal services by hiring paralegals to perform tasks formerly carried out by lawyers. In addition to the new jobs created by employment growth, additional job openings will arise as baby boomers leave the occupation.



Employers increase efficiency by hiring paralegals to perform tasks formerly carried out by lawyers.

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version shortly during the third or fourth week of October.

Summer Classes

Looking for something to do this coming summer? The Paralegal Program is offering online courses for its students during the summer 2008 semester: Civil Litigation I and Legal Research. ■



Did You Know?

According to the August 24, 2007, *Estrin Report*, the newest field for paralegals is “fashion law.” Paralegals will need intellectual property law (trademarks and patents), civil litigation, and corporate law. ■

Do You Have News?

Getting married? Having a baby? Just got engaged? Just got a job? Have a legal tidbit to share? Going on to school? Share your news and ideas with us. Ask us questions about the profession. We will put it in the next newsletter.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW? ALUMNI NEWS

- Sooner Robinson (May '07), Paralegal, Freund Law Office, Eau Claire, WI
- Paula Dzialowy (Dec '06), Paralegal, Ruder Ware, Eau Claire, WI
- Dena LaVelle (May '06) Poeschel, Paralegal, McLure & O'Farrell, Indianapolis, IN. She and husband, Jeff are the proud parents of son, Jacob.
- Zachary Hagen (Dec '05), Paralegal, Shannon & DeMarb, Evansville, WI



JOBS, JOBS, JOBS: WHO'S HIRING?

There *is* work out there! Recent job postings requiring a paralegal education:

- ▶ GUEZLOW & WINSTON, LTD., Eau Claire
Position: Paralegal
- ▶ KOHL'S DEPARTMENT STORE, Menomonee Falls, WI
Position: Corporate Paralegal
- ▶ LARSON KING LLP, St. Paul, MN
Position: Litigation Paralegal
- ▶ MARSHALL & SWIFT, New Berlin, WI
Position: Contracts Paralegal
- ▶ RCU, Eau Claire
Position: Collection Support Specialist
- ▶ ST. JUDE MEDICAL, Minnetonka, MN
Position: Paralegal