Welcome to Tort Law #105. This course will introduce you to the theories of Intentional Torts, Negligence, Strict Liability, Defamation, and Medical Malpractice. This is a hybrid course, half online and half in the classroom. If you have never taken an online or hybrid course before, it is recommended that you first complete the following Blackboard tutorial: http://www.canyons.edu/offices/distance_learning/OnlineOrientation/. Online and hybrid courses require self-discipline and student initiative. This course meets the ABA Approved requirements for a hybrid course. However, that means we must meet the 50-50 online to face-to-face policy. Thus, you should review the class calendar which may have a special Saturday meeting to accommodate holidays currently scheduled for our normal Thursday night meetings. Furthermore, if our class begins with an online week for the first week, you must login and do the assignments. Please be prepared to log in regularly to view the calendar, syllabus, announcements, assigned readings and to complete your assignments on time. To log into Blackboard, go to http://bb9.canyons.edu/. Your username is your student ID and your password is student (unless you have previously changed it). **YOU MUST LOG IN TO BLACKBOARD BY THE BEGINNING OF THE FIRST DATE OF CLASS OR YOU WILL BE DROPPED FROM THE COURSE.**

In this class, the general calendar of the readings and assignments can be found in the syllabus, however, the specific instructions will appear on Blackboard and assignments will be turned in via Blackboard. In general, the course requires quizzes, legal research and writing assignments, professional interactions on discussion boards and in-class discussions, a 2-part midterm, and a 2-part final. You are not required to log in at any specified time but there are due dates posted for each assignment. The syllabus will be available on Blackboard on the left-side menu from the main page for the course. This course will be accessible on the first day of the semester (possibly one day prior). You should get started by purchasing the textbook, which is as follows: ISBN# 9781454808725, Bevans, Neal R. *Tort Law for Paralegals*, 4th ed. (Aspen Publishers, 2013).

Online and hybrid classes are not easy and students should be computer and internet savvy. Please be prepared to seek assistance through the many services offered at College of the Canyons. Let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns through the email link on Blackboard. Please note, emails are generally answered within 48 hours, however, delays are possible.

Additional information may be found here: [http://www.canyons.edu/portal/Pages/students.aspx](http://www.canyons.edu/portal/Pages/students.aspx)
I hope you enjoy the course!
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