PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
Professor Perkins
Spring 2016

CLASS SCHEDULE: Thursday, 10:00 am to 11:50 am
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REQUIRED MATERIALS: Please bring both the Casebook and relevant Rules to all classes, as they will be referred to frequently.
(1) Ethical Problems in the Practice of Law by Lerman and Schrag (3rd ed.) (the “Casebook”)
(2) ABA’s Model Rules of Professional Conduct (the “Rules”), which can be accessed free of charge via the ABA’s website.
    http://www.abanet.org/cpr/mrpc/mrpc_toc.html

CLASSROOM PARTICIPATION: It is important to prepare for and attend each class. Designated students will be assigned to be on call each week, and are expected to have an in-depth preparation of the assigned materials. Your grade will reflect class participation.

TWEN: It is mandatory that you register for the class TWEN page. All class slides, handouts and announcements will be distributed or posted through TWEN.

EXAM: The final exam will be on April 25th at 12:00 pm.

CLASS ASSIGNMENTS: Following is the tentative schedule of assignments. Adjustments may be made as necessary during the course of the semester. Readings are from the Casebook. As you read through your assignments, be sure to also review the corresponding Rules and Comments. You should complete all assigned readings and problems from the Casebook before each class.

TENTATIVE PANEL ASSIGNMENTS (BY FIRST LETTER OF LAST NAME)

1 - A – He
2 – Hi – R
3 – S – Z

Assignment 1: Background & Introduction; Regulation of Lawyers

Introduction (skim); Chapter 1 pp. 23-34, 43-51, 56-78
Assignment 2: Lawyer Liability (Panel 1)

Chapter 2 pp. 79-118, 154-5

Assignment 3: Duty of Confidentiality (Panel 2)

Chapter 3 pp. 159-185

Assignment 4: Duty of Confidentiality; Privilege (Panel 3)

Chapter 3 pp. 185-228; Chapter 4 pp. 229-252

Assignment 5: Privilege for Corporations; L-C Relationship (Panel 1)

Chapter 4 pp. 265-276 (skip P4-4), 261-264; Chapter 5 pp. 279-312

Assignment 6: Lawyer-Client Relationship (Panel 2)

Chapter 5 pp. 312-353; 370-77

Assignment 7: Concurrent Conflicts of Interest (Panel 3)

Chapter 6 pp. 379-414

Assignment 8: Concurrent Conflicts of Interest (Panel 1)

Chapters 6 & 7 pp. 414-456

Assignment 9: Conflicts with Former Clients (Panel 2)

Chapter 8 pp. 471-515 (skip problems 8-4 and 8-5)

Assignment 10: Conflicts between Client and Lawyer (Panel 3)

Chapter 9 pp. 521-605

Assignment 11: Lawyers’ Duties to Courts (Panel 1)

Chapter 11 pp. 655-683; 703-5; 707-9; 719-24

Assignment 12: Lawyers’ Duties to Adversaries and Third Persons (Panels 2 & 3)

Chapter 12 pp. 729-751; 758-762; 781-787
Discuss The Verdict (ALL Panels)