PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
Professor Perkins  
Spring 2014

CLASS SCHEDULE: Tuesdays, 10:00 am to 11:50 am in Room 221
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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 May 5th 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)

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Assignment 1: Background & Introduction; Regulation of Lawyers

Introduction (skim); Chapter 1pp.23-40, 43-51, 52-78
Assignment 2:  Lawyer Liability (Panel 1)

Chapter 2 pp. TBA

Assignment 3:  Duty of Confidentiality (Panel 2)

Chapter 3 pp. TBA

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

Chapter 3 pp. TBA

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

Chapter 4 pp. TBA; Chapter 5 pp. TBA

Assignment 6:  Lawyer-Client Relationship (Panel 2)

Chapter 5 pp. TBA

Assignment 7:  Concurrent Conflicts of Interest (Panel 3)

Chapter 6 pp. TBA

Assignment 8:  Concurrent Conflicts of Interest (Panel 1)

Chapter 7 pp. TBA

Assignment 9:  Conflicts with Former Clients (Panel 2)

Chapter 8 pp. TBA

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

Chapter 9 pp. TBA

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

Chapter 11 pp. TBA

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

Chapter 12 pp. TBA; Negotiation Exercise

Assignment 13:  Catch-Up/Review