

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY ANTONIN SCALIA LAW SCHOOL
Professional Responsibility, Summer 2021
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Class Information:

Tuesdays and Thursdays
8:00 p.m. – 9:50 p.m.

LEARNING OUTCOMES: By the end of the course students should be able to:

- Identify and analyze the kinds of ethical issues that lawyers face and determine the most appropriate course of action in accordance with applicable authorities
- Understand the structure of the applicable rules of professional conduct and other authorities such that they can locate the necessary authority when ethical issues arise
- Understand the duties that lawyers owe to various constituents, *e.g.* clients, prospective clients, courts, and others

Text:

Problems, Cases and Materials in Professional Responsibility, Fourth Ed., Devine, Fisch & Easton (Thomson West)

Class Information/Topic

Reading Assignment

Tuesday, May 18

Introduction to Professional Responsibility

Casebook: 1-40
Model Rules: Preamble, Scope, 1.2

Thursday, May 20

Formation of the Attorney-Client
Relationship

Casebook: 106-143
Model Rules: 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.5, 1.13, 1.16

Tuesday, May 25

Client Property and Legal Fees

Casebook: 144-88
Model Rules: 1.5, 1.15, 5.4, 7.3

Thursday, May 27

Confidentiality

Casebook: 232-270
Model Rules: 1.6, 1.18

Tuesday, June 1

Confidentiality II

Casebook: 271-311
Model Rules: 3.3, 4.1

Thursday, June 3

Conflicts of Interest

Casebook 312-64
Model Rules 1.7, 1.8

Tuesday, June 8

Conflicts of Interest II

Casebook: 365-96
Model Rules: 1.9, 1.10

Thursday, June 10

Lawyer as Advocate

Casebook: 435-60
Model Rules: 1.3, 3.1, 3.2, 4.2-4.4

Tuesday, June 15

Lawyer as Advocate II

Casebook: 461-504
Model Rules: 3.4, 3.5, 3.7, 3.8

Thursday, June 17

Lawyers' Other Professional Roles

Casebook: 545-571
Model Rules: 1.4, 2.1, 2.3, 2.4, 3.9

Tuesday, June 23

Termination of the Client Relationship;
Malpractice

Casebook: 189-231
Model Rules: 1.1, 5.1, 5.2, 5.6

Thursday, June 24

Admission to Practice, Unauthorized
Practice, Professional Discipline

Casebook: 59-86
Model Rules: 5.5, 8.1, 8.3-8.5

Tuesday, June 29

Rules regarding diversity and inclusion

No assigned reading

Thursday, July 1

Makeup/Review – FINAL CLASS

**Wednesday, July 9
6:00 pm**

Exam