

Law 298-002 | Professional Responsibility | Spring 2025 | 2 credits

Professor(s): Jeff Rosenblum

Wed. 6:05-8:05 pm EST | **Final Exam:** Tues., May 6, 6:00 pm EST

Reading(s): [REQUIRED]

1. Ethical Problems in the Practice of Law, **Sixth Edition**, Lerman and Schrag
2. ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct

Communication(s): jrosenbl@gmu.edu

Office Hours: Please arrange by email.

COURSE DESCRIPTION & OBJECTIVES

By the end of the course students should have acquired/be able to:

- Be familiar with the most important Rules of Professional Conduct
- Understand and be able to identify conflicts of interest
- Understand attorneys' ethical responsibilities to clients, including confidentiality, competence and diligence

GRADING & PARTICIPATION

Attendance

Regular and punctual attendance are required to earn academic credit. Attendance requirements for academic credit will follow the policies set forth in Academic Regulation 4-1. Should a student anticipate the possibility of missing a substantial number of class sessions (e.g. a serious illness), please immediately contact the Assistant Dean, Student Academic Affairs.

- Attendance will be monitored by roll call being taken during certain classes.

Evaluation & Assessment

Grades will be based on final examinations. Class participation MAY be used to bump up students' grades. Final exam will be long answer/identification and analysis of issues in fact patterns.

CLASS RECORDINGS PROHIBITED: Pursuant to Academic Regulation 4-2.2, no portion of a class session or an examination may be preserved by means of a recording device such as an audio recording device or camera. Any exceptions to this policy must be expressly permitted in writing by me.

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COURSE SCHEDULE & ASSIGNMENTS

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<u>Class Information/Topic</u>	<u>Reading Assignment</u>
Wednesday, January 22 Introduction	Introduction; Chapter 2, pp. 63-88
Wednesday, January 29 Admission and Discipline	Chapter 1, pp. 17-40; Chapter 2, pp. 89-120 Bar
Wednesday, February 5 Confidentiality	Chapter 4
Wednesday, February 12 Relationship between Lawyers and Clients	Chapter 3
Wednesday, February 19 Conflicts of Interest	Chapter 6
Wednesday, February 26 Conflicts of Interest (continued)	Chapter 7
Wednesday, March 5 Legal Fees; Lawyers' Duties to Courts	Chapter 9, pp. 463-505; Chapter 11, pp. 597-621
Wednesday, March 12 – NO CLASS – SPRING RECESS	
Wednesday, March 19 Lawyers' Duties to Courts (continued); Lawyers' Duties to Adversaries	Chapter 11, pp. 646-655; 587-590; Chapter 12, pp. 673-706
Wednesday, March 26 Advertising/ Solicitation	Chapter 13, pp. 760-772
Wednesday, April 2 Judicial Ethics	Chapter 10, pp. 555-586
Wednesday, April 9 MPRE	TBD

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Wednesday, April 16

Catch up **Wednesday,**

April 23

Exam Review **Tuesday,**

May 6, 6:00 p.m.

FINAL EXAM