

**GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY ANTONIN SCALIA LAW SCHOOL**  
**Professional Responsibility, Law 298-001, Summer 2022**  
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Class Information:

Mondays and Wednesdays  
8:00 p.m. – 9:50 p.m.

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**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)

**GRADING:** The grade in this course will be determined entirely by the score on a 50-question multiple-choice final exam. We will review numerous sample questions in class to familiarize students with the format and style of the questions, which are also quite similar to those used in the MPRE. Class participation is encouraged and appreciated but not graded.

**Class Information/Topic**

**Reading Assignment**

**Monday, May 16**

Introduction to Professional Responsibility

Casebook: 1-40

Model Rules: Preamble, Scope, 1.2

**Wednesday, May 18**

Formation of the Attorney-Client  
Relationship

Casebook: 106-143

Model Rules: 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.5, 1.13, 1.16

**Monday, May 23**

Client Property and Legal Fees

Casebook: 144-88

Model Rules: 1.5, 1.15, 5.4, 7.3

**Wednesday, May 25**

Confidentiality

Casebook: 232-270  
Model Rules: 1.6, 1.18

**Monday, May 30**

HOLIDAY – MEMORIAL DAY

**Wednesday, June 1**

Confidentiality II

Casebook: 271-311  
Model Rules: 3.3, 4.1

**Monday, June 6**

Conflicts of Interest

Casebook 312-64  
Model Rules 1.7, 1.8

**Wednesday, June 8**

Conflicts of Interest II

Casebook: 365-96  
Model Rules: 1.9, 1.10

**Monday, June 13**

Lawyer as Advocate

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

**Wednesday, June 15**

Lawyer as Advocate II

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

**Monday, June 20**

HOLIDAY – JUNETEENTH  
OBSERVANCE

**Tuesday, June 21 (Monday schedule)**

Lawyers' Other Professional Roles

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

**Wednesday, June 22**

Termination of the Client Relationship;  
Malpractice

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

**Monday, June 27**

Admission to Practice, Unauthorized Practice, Professional Discipline

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

**Wednesday, June 29**

Rules regarding diversity and inclusion

No assigned reading

**Monday, July 4**

HOLIDAY – INDEPENDENCE DAY

**Wednesday, July 6**

Makeup/Review

**Tuesday, July 12  
6:00 pm**

Exam