

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
Professional Responsibility Fall 2024
Law 298/83724
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Class Information:
Mondays, 6:05 p.m. – 8:05 p.m.
REMOTE

Texts:

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

Class Schedule/Assignments (assignments are subject to change)

Class Information/Topic

Reading Assignment

Monday, August 26

Introduction; Chapter 2, pp. 63-88

Introduction

Monday, September 2 – NO CLASS – LABOR DAY

Wednesday, September 4

Chapter 1, pp. 17-40; Chapter 2, pp. 89-120

Bar Admission and Discipline

Monday, September 9

Chapter 4

Confidentiality

Monday, September 16

Chapter 3

Relationship between Lawyers and Clients

Monday, September 23

Chapter 6

Conflicts of Interest

Monday, September 30

Chapter 7

Conflicts of Interest (continued)

Monday, October 7

Chapter 9, pp. 463-505; Chapter 11, pp. 597-621

Legal Fees; Lawyers' Duties to Courts

Monday, October 14 – NO CLASS – Fall Break

Monday, October 21

Chapter 11, pp. 621-670

Lawyers' Duties to Courts (continued)

Monday, October 28

Chapter 11, pp. 587-590; Chapter 12, pp. 673-706

Lawyers' Duties to Adversaries
and Third Parties

Monday, November 4

Chapter 10, pp. 555-586

Judicial Ethics

Monday, November 11

TBD

MPRE

Monday, November 18

Catch up

Thursday, November 21

Exam Review

Monday, December 6, 6 p.m.

FINAL EXAM

Information Required by GMU Law School:

OFFICE HOURS/AVAILABILITY TO STUDENTS OUTSIDE CLASS MEETING

TIMES: Please arrange by email.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

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

BASIS OF EVALUATION & ASSESSMENTS

- 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.

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.

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.