

LEGAL PROFESSION
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This course presents an introduction to selected topics in the law governing lawyer-client relationships.

The required casebook is Thomas D. Morgan and Ronald D. Rotunda, *Professional Responsibility: Problems and Materials* (Foundation Press 10th edition) (abbreviation: "CB"). You are also required to purchase the supplement: Thomas D. Morgan and Ronald D. Rotunda, *2009 Selected Standards on Professional Responsibility* (Foundation Press) (abbreviation: "Supp."). In addition, I will also occasionally distribute supplemental materials via Blackboard (these reading assignments are denoted "BB" in the syllabus).

You are expected to come to Monday's class prepared to discuss that week's subject. Reading assignments for the week, which may be substantial, are to be completed before the week for which they are assigned.

We will focus on the 2003 ABA Model Rules of Professional Responsibility. Be sure to read any relevant Model Rules or statutes referenced in your assigned casebook reading. All Model Rules and statutes referenced in the book may be found in your casebook supplement.

On-time attendance is mandatory, and participation in class discussions is encouraged and expected. Unexplained absences, lack of preparation, or failure to participate meaningfully will adversely affect your final grade.

I will administer an open-book, in-class examination at the conclusion of the course.

Office hours will be announced the first day of class. I am, however, freely available outside office hours by appointment.

The schedule of classes for the first month of class is attached. Assignments may be modified as the course progresses. Subsequent installments of the syllabus will be distributed by email and Blackboard.

SYLLABUS: FIRST INSTALLMENT

Week 1: Introduction to the Rules of Professional Ethics

CB: pp. 7-23 (through D.6).

Supp: Daniel Fischel, *Lawyers and Confidentiality*, 65 U. Chi. L. Rev. 1 (1998) (excerpts)
Susan Koniak, *The Law Between the State and the Bar*, 70 N.C. L. Rev. 1389 (1992)
(excerpts)

CB: Problem 1

- pp. 32-40 (through B.5)

Week 2: Sources of the Law of Lawyering

CB: Problem 2

- pp. 54-64 (parts C & D only)

CB: Problem 3

- pp. 64-83

Week 3: Starting and Terminating Client Relationships

CB: Problem 4

- pp. 84-89 (through A.4)
- pp. 92-99 (parts C & D only)

Supp.: *Togstad v. Vesely, Otto, Miller & Keefe*, 291 N.W.2d 686 (Minn. 1980) (excerpts)

CB: Problem 5

- pp. 99-114 (parts A-C)

CB: Problem 6

- pp. 122-29 (parts B & C only)

Week 4: Introduction to the Duty of Confidentiality

CB: Problem 7

- pp. 133-48

Supp: *In re Sealed Case*, 162 F.3d 670 (D.C. Cir. 1998) (excerpts)

