**First Day Assignment: Professional Responsibility, Prof. Pedro A. Malavet**

Welcome to Professional Responsibility for the Fall of 2024. I look forward to seeing you in the classroom on August 19, 2024.

The required class materials are:

* Textbook: Lisa G. Lerman, Philip G. Schrag, Robert Rubinson, Ethical Problems in the Practice of Law, fifth edition (Aspen 2020).
* Rules Supplement:
  1. Lisa G. Lerman, Philip G. Schrag & Anjum Gupta, Ethical Problems in the Practice of Law: Model Rules, State Variations, and Practice Questions, 2023 and 2024 Edition, eISBN 979-8-8861-4378-2.
  2. [[Click here to view the model rules online](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/professional_responsibility/publications/model_rules_of_professional_conduct/model_rules_of_professional_conduct_table_of_contents/)].
* Any Canvas handouts designated as required reading.

**Before Classes Start:**

* I trust that you have all had a good summer break and are now ready for the new semester of classes.
* Please visit the course [eLearning](https://elearning.ufl.edu/) on Canvas page when it becomes available starting on August 14, 2024, to complete Module 1 prior to our first class on Monday, August 19, 2024.

**Required:**

Completing the following work, ***on or before Noon, Monday, August 19, 2024***, will get you ready to start classes and accounts for 5% of your Testing Score for the term.

1. Visit the course Canvas page starting August 14, 2024
2. Review the course Syllabus
3. Complete the *“Please tell me about yourself” Survey*
4. Complete the *Syllabus Quiz*
5. Move on to Module 2 for the reading assignments for our first week of classes as posted on Canvas.

**Reading Assignments for the First Week:**

**Module 2**

**Monday, August 19, 2024 (Session 1)**

1. Welcome!
   * Course Policies
   * Course Overview and Goals
   * Developing a Professional Identity
2. *Developing a Professional Identity:*Required Readings:
   * Florida Bar Professionalism Handbook, Letter to Students, Introduction, first four unnumbered pages, then pp. 1-9. *The rest of this document is only recommended, just look it over.*
3. Professional Responsibility:   
   Required Readings:
   * ABA Model Rules: Preamble and Scope;
     + Model Rule 8.1
   * Textbook: Introduction, pp. 1-15
4. Where we are going this semester:  
   Required Readings:
   * Handout 1-0, consider this:
     + ***Problem 1-0: The Midnight Phone Call***

**Tuesday, August 20, 2024 (Session 2)**

1. The US Legal Profession, History, Exclusions,   
   Required readings:
   * + Text: Chapter 1: History and development of the U.S. legal profession, pp. 39-45
       - Lecture*: How do other countries do it?*
     + Text: Chapter 1: Diversity and discrimination in the legal profession, pp. 46-64
2. The US Legal Profession, Admission,  
   Required readings:

* Text: Chapter 1, pp. 17-39
  + ***Case-studies at pages 27-29,***
  + ***Problem 1-1: Adderall, p. 33***
  + ***Problem 1-2: The Doctored Resume, p. 38***
  + (Survey on the case-studies and initial discussion on them and the problems; survey the problems and have a final discussion on Wednesday).
  + *Try to develop your solutions* ***before*** *reading the rules and background text. Then try again with the accompanying required readings.*
* Rules 8.1, 5.5

**Wednesday, August 21, 2024 (Session 3)**

1. The MPRE, preparation and process (guest, possibly)
2. Academic Success resources at the College of Law (guest, possibly)
   1. (If guests are not available, I will lecture on these matters)
3. Text: Chapter 1, pp. 17-39
   1. ***Case-studies at pages 27-29,***
   2. ***Problem 1-1: Adderall, p. 33***
   3. ***Problem 1-2: The Doctored Resume, p. 38***
4. (We will revisit the case studies based on your survey responses, then survey the two problems and finish their discussion).