

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:
 - a. 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.
 - b. [[Click here to view the model rules online](#)].
- 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](#) 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)
 - a. (If guests are not available, I will lecture on these matters)
3. Text: Chapter 1, pp. 17-39
 - a. ***Case-studies at pages 27-29,***
 - b. ***Problem 1-1: Adderall, p. 33***
 - c. ***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).