

**HAMLIN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Syllabus

SPRING 2009

Tuesdays 8:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m., Room 105

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Required text: Lisa G. Lerman and Philip G. Schrag, *Ethical Problems in the Practice of Law* (2d Ed. Aspen Publishers 2008).

Required: Gillers and Simon, ["Rules Supplement"] *Regulation of Lawyers, Statutes and Standards* (Concise Ed. **2009** – Aspen Publishers).

Goals: The goals of this course are to learn the responsibility of lawyers to clients and the tribunal the ethics rules governing the legal profession and how to apply these rules in the day to day practice of law.

Class Rules:

1. Attendance. Contact instructor about any absences, in advance if possible. Missing more than two sessions is grounds for being withdrawn from the class. Please be in your seats on time.
2. Grading. Your grade will be primarily based on a written exam at the end of the semester. The *Regulation of Lawyers' Statutes and Standards 2009* book may be brought to final exam with your handwritten notes written on the pamphlet, but no other materials. Your grade may be increased or decreased depending on amount and quality of class participation, absences, tardiness, or lack of preparation.
3. Changes and Additions to Assignments. The assignments listed below may be modified. Cases and other supplemental materials will also be assigned. You will be notified of changes and additions in class and on the TWEN class website.
4. Laptops. Computers may be used during class without restriction.

You may also contact me at edkautzer@aol.com. If you need to contact me during the day, you can reach me at (651) 645-9359 (work). You can also meet with me by appointment.

CLASS SCHEDULE

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	Dates	Topics	Assigned Pages	Assigned Problems
1	January 20, 2009	Introduction to the course Institutions and legal rules that affect lawyers Bar admission Guest lecturer	1-57 64-71	1-1 1-2
2	January 27, 2009	Professional discipline, civil liability and client security boards Guest lecturer	73-149	2-1 MN LPRB handout review
3	February 3, 2009	Confidentiality	151-175	3-1 thru 3-5
4	Feb. 10, 2009	Attorney-client privilege and the work-product doctrine Guest lecturer	175-237	3-7
5	Feb. 17, 2009	The privilege for corporations Relationships between lawyers and clients Lawyers as clients' agents	244-291	4-4 5-1
6	Feb. 24, 2009	Lawyers' duties to clients	291-333 344-350	5-4 and 5-5
7	March 3, 2009	Concurrent conflicts of interest	351-389	6-1, 6-2, 6-3 and 6-5
8	March 10, 2009	Concurrent conflicts of interest in particular settings	391-433	7-1, 7-2, 7-3 and 7-5
9	March 17, 2009	Conflicts involving former clients	435-481	8-1, 8-2
10	March 24, 2009	Spring break		
11	March 31, 2009	Legal fees – Guest instructor	483-536	9-1
12	April 7, 2009	Legal fees (continued) Conflicts with lawyers' personal interests Conflicts involving judges – Guest lecturer	537-561 576-591	9-4, 10-2
13	April 14, 2009	Lawyers' duties to courts – Guest lecturer Concealment of evidence in criminal cases	593-643	11-1 thru 11-4
14	April 21, 2009	Discovery Lawyers duties to adversaries and third persons Restrictions on contact with represented and unrepresented parties – Guest lecturer	543-660 679-722	11-8, 12-4
15	April 28, 2009	Make up/snow day/review day		
16	May 5, 2009	Final Exam – Good Luck		