



## ACADEMIC COURSE SYLLABUS

<b>COURSE TITLE:</b>	<b>PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY</b>
<b>COURSE NUMBER:</b>	LAW R505
<b>UNITS:</b>	2
<b>COURSE TYPE:</b>	Required
<b>PROFESSOR(S) NAME:</b>	Robert L. Jackson, Esq.
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<b>SCHEDULE:</b>	Summer 2015 – Tuesdays, 6:00 -8:00, Room # 103
<b>PREREQUISITES:</b>	Requires completion of 2 <sup>nd</sup> year coursework.
<b>COREQUISITES:</b>	None
<b>TEXTS AND MATERIALS:</b> (Identification of any texts, materials and references used throughout the course.)	<i>California Legal Ethics, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition</i> ; Wydick, Perschbacher, and Bassett, West Group, ISBN # 9780314280428 <i>Dzienkowski’s Professional Responsibility: Standards, Rules, and Statutes</i> ; West Group; 2015,abridged edition ISBN # 9781634592086
<b>COURSE DESCRIPTION:</b>	Application of the California Rules of Professional Conduct, the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct and relevant case materials; examination of disciplinary system; relationship between disciplinary and legal malpractice liability; duties of attorneys with respect to clients, the courts, opposing parties and the public; problems arising from conflicts of interest.
<b>COURSE OBJECTIVES / ANTICIPATED LEARNING OUTCOMES:</b> (Description of what students will be expected to know and be able to do at the end of the course. What skills or knowledge will be gained by the end of the course.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must demonstrate the minimum level of competency for an attorney in CA in the subject matter of Professional Responsibility</li> <li>• Students must demonstrate they possess a minimum level of knowledge to pass a CA State Bar Examination question involving the subject matter of Professional Responsibility</li> <li>• Prepare students to take the MPRE exam.</li> <li>• To acquire the skills to identify issues of legal ethics and professional responsibility, to evaluate and decide upon options consistent with one’s professional obligations to his client, the court, and the profession.</li> </ul>
<b>FORMAT OVERVIEW / METHOD OF INSTRUCTION</b> (Description of how the course will be taught, including breakdown of lecture, practicum, etc.)	Course material will be presented in a lecture-discussion and Socratic method format. Students should be prepared to discuss all reading materials and address fact patterns not in the reading, but presented by the instructor.

<b>EXAMS:</b>	<p>Students must (or should) register for and take the MPRE Exam.</p> <p>This course will have Multiple question exam during the final exam period as published in the Law School Exam Schedule.</p>
<b>GRADING / ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:</b>	<p>A student must receive no less than sixty-five percent of all points possible, once all calculations have been made, to receive credit for the course.</p> <p>Empire College uses the following grading system:  <u>Numerically graded classes:</u>  90 – 100 A Outstanding  80 - 89 B Superior  70 - 79 C Satisfactory  65 - 69 D Unsatisfactory  64 and Below Failing/No Credit</p> <p>Only numeric grades in Required courses are used to calculate grade point average.</p> <p>Final examination [66% of the class grade]  Class participation and attendance [33%].</p>
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	<p>Regular and punctual attendance is essential for the successful completion of law school. Students should plan to attend every class. Students must attend a minimum of 80% (30 hours — 12 of 15 classes) of the class sessions during each semester. Roll will be taken at each class.</p>
<b>ASSIGNMENTS: SUMMER 2015</b>	<p>These assignments are premised on an earlier edition of the textbook and will be updated the first night of class to reflect the new text.</p>
<b>Week 1: 5/5/15</b>	<p><b>Introduction to Legal Ethics</b> (Optional)  Wydick, Perschbacher &amp; Bassett, Chapter 1, pp. 1-26</p> <p><b>Sources and Applications of Legal Ethic Rules</b>  Wydick, Perschbacher &amp; Bassett, Chapter 2, pp.27-66</p> <p>ABA Model Rules  Preamble, Scope and Terminology  Rules 5.5, 8.1 through 8.5</p> <p>CRPC 1-100 through 1-300  Calif. B&amp;P Code §§6067-6068, 6076-6077, 6100-6117, 6125-6126  Calif. CCP §1282.4</p>
<b>Week 2: 5/12/15</b>	<p><b>Beginning and Ending the Lawyer Client Relationship</b>  Wydick, Perschbacher &amp; Bassett, Chapter 3, pp.67-97</p> <p>ABA Model Rules  Rules 1.16, 1.18, 3.1, 6.1 through 6.2</p> <p>CRPC 3-200, 3-700, 4-199(A)(2)  Calif B&amp;P §6068(c)(d)(g) and (h)  Calif CCP §128.5 and 128.7</p>

<p><b>Week 3: 5/19/15</b></p>	<p><b>Advertising and Solicitation</b>  Wydick, Perschbacher &amp; Bassett, Chapter 4, pp.98-126  ABA Model Rules 7.1 through 7.6  CRPC 1-320(B)-(C); 1-400; California Standards for Attorney Communications (printed after CRPC 1-400)  Skim Calif B&amp;P §§6150-54;p 6157-6159.2</p>
<p><b>Week 4: 5/26/15</b></p>	<p><b>Attorneys Fees and Fiduciary Duties</b>  Wydick, Perschbacher &amp; Bassett, Chapter 5, pp.127-159   ABA Model Rules 1.5, 1.8(e) and 1.15  CRPC 2-200, 4-100, 4-200, and 4-210  Calif B&amp;P Code §6146-6149.5, 6210-6212</p>
<p><b>Week 5: 6/2/15</b></p>	<p><b>Competence, Diligence and Unauthorized Practice</b>  Wydick, Perschbacher &amp; Bassett, Chapter 6, pp.160-182   ABA Model Rules  Preamble, A Lawyers Responsibilities, note 7  Rules 1.1 through 1.4, 1.8(h), 1.18, and 5.3 through 5.5  CRPC 1-200, 1-300 through 1-320, 3-110, 3-400, 3-500 and 3-510  Calif B&amp;P Code §§6105, 6125–6126</p>
<p><b>Week 6: 6/9/15</b></p>	<p><b>Confidential Information</b>  Wydick, Perschbacher &amp; Bassett, Chapter 7, pp.183-203   ABA Model Rules 1.2(d), 1.6, 1.8(b), 1.9(b), 3.3, 3.4(a) and 4.1  Calif B&amp;P Code §6068(e)  Calif Evid.. Code §§950–962</p>
<p><b>Week 7: 6/16/15</b></p>	<p><b>Candor in Litigation</b>  Wydick, Perschbacher &amp; Bassett, Chapter 8, pp.204-225   ABA Model Rules 1.6, 3.3 and 4.1</p>
<p><b>Week 8: 6/23/15</b></p>	<p><b>Fairness in Litigation</b>  Wydick, Perschbacher &amp; Bassett, Chapter 9, pp.226-249   ABA Model Rules  Rules 3.1 through 3.9 and 4.4  CJC 3(B)(7) and (9) and 4(D)(5)  CRPC 2-100, 3-210, 5-100, 5-200, 5-220, 5-300, 5-310 and 5-320  Calif B&amp;P Code §§ 6068(b),(c), (d), (f) and (g); 6103 and 6128(a)</p>
<p><b>Thursday, June 25, 2015</b></p>	<p><b>Deadline for receipt of MPRE exam application</b></p>
<p><b>Week 9: 6/30/15</b></p>	<p><b>Bias in (and Out of) The Courtroom</b>  Wydick, Perschbacher &amp; Bassett, Chapter 10, pp.250-277  Review ABA Model Rules 3.4, 3.5, 4.4 and 8.4  CRPC 2-400 and 3-120  ABA Model Code of Judicial Conduct Canon 3B(5) and 3B(6)</p>

<b>Thursday, July 2, 2015</b>	<b>Deadline for receipt of late application for MPRE</b>
<b>Week 10: 7/7/15</b>	<b>Conflicts of Interest–Lawyers, Clients and Third Parties</b> Wydick, Perschbacher & Bassett, Chapter 11, pp.278-304 ABA Model Rules Rules 1.2, 1.7, 1.8, 1.10, 1.13, 1.14, 1.18, 2.1, 3.7 and 5.4(c) CRPC 1-600, 3-120, 3-300, 3-310, 3-320,, 3-600, 4-210, 4-300, 4-400, and 5-210 Calif B&P Code §6106.8
<b>Week 11: 7/14/15</b>	<b>Conflicts of Interest–Conflicts Between Two Clients</b> Wydick, Perschbacher & Bassett, Chapter 12, pp.305--339 ABA Model Rules , Rules 1.7, 1.8(b),(g) and (i), 1.9 through 1.12, 1.18 and 6.3 CRPC 1-120 and 3-310 Calif B&P Code §6068(e)
<b>Week 12: 7/21/15</b>	<b>Lawyers in Law Firms and Specialized Practice Areas</b> Wydick, Perschbacher & Bassett, Chapter 13, pp.340-368 ABA Model Rules rules 1.0(c) (definition of “firm”), 1.10, 1.17, 2.3, 2.4, 5.1 through 5.7 CRPC 1-100(B), 1-300, 1-310, 1-320, 1-500 and 2-400 Calif B&P Code §6125-6127
<b>Week 13: 7/28/15</b>	<b>Judicial Conduct</b> Wydick, Perschbacher & Bassett, Chapter 14, pp.369-396 ABA Model Code of Judicial Conduct (2007) ABA Model Rules, Rules 1.12, 3.5, 8.3(b) and 8.4(f) CRPC 1-700, 1-710 and 5-300
<b>Week 14: 8/4/15</b>	Make up Date
<b>Week 15: Final Exam –date TBD</b>	See Law School exam schedule for final exam date. Exam will consist of 50 multiple choice questions similar to the MPRE.

Next MPRE Exam Sat. Aug. 15, 2015 – Empire Collgee is a testing site.