

ACADEMIC COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE TITLE:	PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
COURSE NUMBER:	LAW R505
UNITS:	2
COURSE TYPE:	Required
PROFESSOR(S) NAME:	Heather Bussing
PROFESSOR CONTACT INFO:	I will be available before and after each class for questions and discussion of your work. You may also make an appointment to talk with me either in person or by telephone. You may call me or e-mail. I like e-mail the best, but am always willing to talk to you. heather.bussing@gmail.com or 707.622.5156
SCHEDULE:	Fall 2016 – Wednesdays, 4:00-6:00pm, Room # 212
PREREQUISITES:	Completion of second-year required coursework.
COREQUISITES:	None
TEXTS AND MATERIALS: (Identification of any texts, materials and references used throughout the course.)	<i>California Legal Ethics, 9th Edition;</i> Wydick, Perschbacher, and Bassett, West Group, ISBN-13 is 978-1634592222 or the ISBN-10 is 1634592220. <i>Optional:</i> <i>Dzienkowski's Professional Responsibility: Standards, Rules, and Statutes;</i> West Group; <i>2015/2016 edition</i> ISBN-13: 978-1634596169 or ISBN-10: 1634596161
COURSE DESCRIPTION:	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.
COURSE OBJECTIVES / ANTICIPATED LEARNING OUTCOMES: (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"> • Students must demonstrate the minimum level of competency for an attorney in CA in the subject matter of Professional Responsibility • 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 • Prepare students to take the MPRE exam. • 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.
FORMAT OVERVIEW / METHOD	Course material will be presented in a lecture-discussion and Socratic

OF INSTRUCTION (Description of how the course will be taught, including breakdown of lecture, practicum, etc.)	method format. Students should be prepared to discuss all reading materials and address fact patterns not in the reading, but presented by the instructor.
EXAMS:	Students must (or should) register for and take the MPRE Exam. This course will have Multiple question exam during the final exam period as published in the Law School Exam Schedule.
GRADING / ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:	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. 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 Only numeric grades in Required courses are used to calculate grade point average. Final examination [66% of the class grade] Class participation and attendance [33%].
ATTENDANCE:	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.
ASSIGNMENTS: Fall 2016	
Week 1: 8/31/16	Introduction to Legal Ethics (Optional) Wydick, Perschbacher & Bassett, Chapter 1, pp. 1-28 Sources and Applications of Legal Ethic Rules Wydick, Perschbacher & Bassett, Chapter 2, pp.29-81 ABA Model Rules Preamble, Scope and Terminology Rules 5.5, 8.1 through 8.5 CRPC 1-100 through 1-300 Calif. B&P Code §§6067-6068, 6076-6077, 6100-6117, 6125-6126 Calif. CCP §1282.4 Cal. State Rules on Multijurisdictional Practice, Rules 9.45-9.48
Week 2: 9/7/16	Beginning and Ending the Lawyer Client Relationship Wydick, Perschbacher & Bassett, Chapter 3, pp.83-115 ABA Model Rules

	<p>Rules 1.16, 1.18, 3.1, 6.1 through 6.2 CRPC 2-400, 3-200, 3-700, 4-100(A)(2) and (B)(4) Calif B&P §6068(c)(d)(g) and (h) Calif CCP §128.5 and 128.7</p>
Week 3: 9/14/16	<p>Advertising and Solicitation Wydick, Perschbacher & Bassett, Chapter 4, pp.117-148 ABA Model Rules 7.1 through 7.6, 8.4(a) CRPC 1-320(B)-(C); 1-400; California Standards for Attorney Communications (printed after CRPC 1-400) Skim Calif B&P §§6150-54; 6157-6159.2</p>
Thursday, Sept. 15, 2016	<p>Deadline for receipt of MPRE exam application on time registration date deadline http://www.ncbex.org/exams/mpre/registration/</p>
Week 4: 9/21/16	<p>Attorneys Fees and Fiduciary Duties Wydick, Perschbacher & Bassett, Chapter 5, pp.149-182</p> <p>ABA Model Rules 1.5, 1.8(e) and 1.15 CRPC 2-200, 4-100, 4-200, and 4-210 Calif B&P Code §6146-6149.5, 6210-6212</p>
Thursday, Sept. 22, 2016	<p>Deadline for receipt of late application for MPRE http://www.ncbex.org/exams/mpre/registration/</p>
Week 5: 9/28/16	<p>Competence, Diligence and Unauthorized Practice Wydick, Perschbacher & Bassett, Chapter 6, pp.183-208</p> <p>ABA Model Rules Preamble, A Lawyers Responsibilities, notes 4 and 7 Rules 1.1 through 1.4, 1.8(h), 1.18, and 5.3 through 5.5 CRPC 1-300 ,1-310, 1-320, 3-110, 3-400, 3-500 and 3-510 Calif B&P Code §§6105, 6125–6126</p>
Week 6: 10/5/16	<p>Confidential Information Wydick, Perschbacher & Bassett, Chapter 7, pp.209-232</p> <p>ABA Model Rules 1.2(d) and comment 10, 1.6, 1.8(b), 1.9(b), 3.3, 3.4(a) and 4.1 CRPC 3-100, 5-200 Calif B&P Code §6068(d) and (e), 6128(a) Calif Evid.. Code §§950–962</p>
Week 7: 10/12/16	<p>Candor Wydick, Perschbacher & Bassett, Chapter 8, pp.233-266</p> <p>ABA Model Rules 1.6, 3.3, 4.1, 8.1 and 8.4c CRPC 5-200, 5-220 Cal B&P Code 6068c,(d), (g), 6106, 6128(a)</p>

Week 8: 10/19/16	<p>Fairness in Litigation Wydick, Perschbacher & Bassett, Chapter 9, pp.267-292</p> <p>ABA Model Rules Rules 3.1 through 3.9 , 4.2 through 4.4 and 8.3(a) ABA Model Code of Judicial Conduct Rules 2.6, 2.9, 2.10 and 3.13 CRPC 2-100, 3-200, 3-210, 5-100, 5-200, 5-220, 5-300, 5-310 and 5-320 Calif B&P Code §§ 6068(b),(c), (d), (f) and (g); 6103 and 6128(a)</p>
Week 9: 10/26/16	<p>Bias in (and Out of) The Courtroom Wydick, Perschbacher & Bassett, Chapter 10, pp.293-318 Review ABA Model Rules 1.8(j), 3.4, 3.5, 4.4 and 8.4 CRPC 2-400 and 3-120 ABA Model Code of Judicial Conduct Canons 1-3, Rules 1.2, 2.2, 2.3, 2.11(A)(1), 2.12, 3.1 and 3.6</p>
Week 10: 11/2/16	<p>Conflicts of Interest–Lawyers, Clients and Third Parties Wydick, Perschbacher & Bassett, Chapter 11, pp.319-348 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</p>
Saturday, November 5, 2016	MPRE (Empire is a testing site)
Week 11: 11/9/16	<p>Conflicts of Interest–Conflicts Between Two Clients Wydick, Perschbacher & Bassett, Chapter 12, pp.349-388 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)</p>
Week 12: 11/16/16	<p>Lawyers in Law Firms and Specialized Practice Areas Wydick, Perschbacher & Bassett, Chapter 13, pp.389-414 ABA Model Rules, Rules 1.0(c) (definition of “firm”), 1.10, 1.17, 2.1, 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</p>
Week 13: 11/23/16	<p>Judicial Conduct Wydick, Perschbacher & Bassett, Chapter 14, pp.415-445 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</p>
Week 14: 11/30/16	Makeup Date
Week 15: Final Exam –date TBD Exam period runs 12/5/16 to 12/15/16	See Law School exam schedule for final exam date. Exam will consist of 50 multiple choice questions similar to the MPRE.

Syllabus is subject to change.

MPRE upcoming dates and registration deadlines taken from :

<http://www.ncbex.org/exams/mpre/registration/>

As of: 8.12.16

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline Fee: \$84	Late Registration Deadline Fee: \$168
Sat., November 5, 2016	September 15, 2016	September 22, 2016
Sat., March 18, 2017	January 26, 2017	February 2, 2017