First Week Assignments – Spring 2018

Advanced Legal Ethics (LAW 236) – Professor Michael S. McGinniss

The required textbook ("Text") is DANIEL R. COQUILLETTE, R. MICHAEL CASSIDY, & JUDITH A. MCMMORROW, LAWYERS AND FUNDAMENTAL MORAL RESPONSIBILITY (LexisNexis 2d ed. 2010). The assigned readings will often include the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct ("MR"), which are available online at http://www.americanbar.org/groups/professional_responsibility/publications/model_rules_of_professional_conduct/model_rules_of_professional_conduct_table_of_contents.html. If you prefer to use a paper copy, I recommend LISA G. LERMAN, PHILIP G. SCHRAG, & ANJUM GUPTA, ETHICAL PROBLEMS IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW: MODEL RULES, STATE VARIATIONS, AND PRACTICE QUESTIONS (2017-2018 ed.). Please be advised that I have adopted a “No Laptops” policy for Advanced Legal Ethics, meaning that you are not permitted to use a laptop computer, iPad, smartphone, or similar technology during our class sessions unless I have specifically requested or authorized you to do so. On Friday, January 5, via Campus Connection I plan to email to students registered for the course the password for accessing (on TWEN) the Syllabus and other materials of interest, which will at times include assigned readings.

Class 1
Monday, January 8
Lawyers and Fundamental Moral Responsibility
Professional/Personal Responsibility
Karl N. Llewellyn, The Bramble Bush
Carl Sandberg, The Lawyers Know Too Much
Text: Preface (v-vi); pp. 1-14; Q4-5, p. 14; Sandberg poem (on TWEN)
MR: Preamble [1]-[13], Scope [14]-[16], 1.2(b), 1.16(b)(4), 2.1

Class 2
Wednesday, January 10
The Moral Person
Nicolò Machiavelli, The Prince
Plato, The Apology of Socrates
W.H. Auden, Law Like Love
Text: pp. 32-36; Q1-5 p. 36; pp. 14-32; Q1-3, pp. 31-32; Problem II, p. 7
Auden poem (on TWEN)
MR: 2.1, 5.1, 5.2
**Conflict of Laws (LAW 257) – Professor Michael S. McGinniss**

The required Casebook is AARON D. TWERSKI & NEIL B. COHEN, CHOICE OF LAW: CASES AND MATERIALS FOR A CONCISE COURSE ON CONFLICT OF LAWS (2015) (West), and the required Hornbook is CLYDE SPILLENGER, PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICT OF LAWS (2d ed. 2015) (West). You are permitted to use a laptop computer, iPad, smart-phone, or similar technology during class in Conflict of Laws, but only for viewing materials posted on this course’s TWEN site or otherwise directly relating to the course, and/or, if you so choose, to take notes. On Friday, January 5, via Campus Connection I plan to email to students registered for the course the password for accessing (on TWEN) the Syllabus and other materials of interest, which will at times include assigned readings.

Please note that I have arranged the pages assigned from the Hornbook and Casebook in the order that I suggest reading them for maximizing your comprehension of the topic and the most beneficial preparation for that day’s class.

**Class 1—Tuesday, January 9**

**Conflict of Laws: Introduction & Overview**
- Casebook: 1-2
- Hornbook: 1-6

**State Choice of Law: Traditional Approach**
- Torts
  - Casebook: 3-10
  - Hornbook: 7-16

**Class 2—Thursday, January 11**

**State Choice of Law: Traditional Approach**
- Torts (cont.); Contracts
  - Casebook: 10-16
  - Hornbook: 16-20
Evidence (LAW 222) – Professor Michael S. McGinniss

The required casebook is DAVID ALAN SKLANSKY, CASES, COMMENTARY, AND PROBLEMS (4th ed. 2016), and the required supplement is GRAHAM C. LILLY ET AL., PRINCIPLES OF EVIDENCE (7th ed. 2015) (includes an appendix with full text of the Federal Rules of Evidence, “FRE”). Please be advised that I have adopted a “No Laptops” policy for the Evidence course. You are therefore NOT permitted to use a laptop computer, iPad, smart-phone, or similar technology during our class sessions unless I have specifically requested or authorized you to do so. Please be aware that PowerPoint slides and Problem & Answer sets will be made available to you on TWEN prior to class for your advance preparations; will remain available after class for reviewing and helping you to organize your handwritten notes; and will remain available throughout the semester for your outlining and exam preparations. On Friday, January 5, via Campus Connection I plan to email to students registered for the course the password for accessing (on TWEN) the Syllabus and other materials of interest, which will at times include assigned readings.

Class 1
Tuesday, January 9
Introduction to Evidence Law;
Relevance and Irrelevance
Casebook: 1-24
FRE: 101-105, 401-402

Class 2
Thursday, January 11
Probative Value and Prejudice;
Conditional Relevance;
Introduction to Hearsay
   Its Definition and Rationales
Casebook: 24-53
FRE: 403, 801(a)-(c), 802