First Week Assignments – Professional Responsibility


On Friday, August 19, 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, as reflected by Class 2’s assignment below, will include assigned readings). For access to online materials referred to by link in the textbook, you should register it at interactivecasebook.com. Once you have registered it, the electronic version of the textbook will also provide additional access to the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct (“MR”) and the Restatement (Third) of the Law Governing Lawyers (the “Restatement”). Alternatively, you can access the Restatement provisions we will be studying directly through your Westlaw or LexisNexis account. The required supplement contains the complete MR (with Comments), as well as an excellent selection of MPRE-style practice questions (with very helpful explanatory answers).

Class 1
Monday, August 22
Introduction to Professional Responsibility:
Professionalism and Legal Ethics; the Positive Law of Lawyering
Text: 1-7, 12-14; 18-25
MR: Preamble & Scope; 8.4
Questions: 1-3 thru 1-8

Class 2
Wednesday, August 24
The Basic Elements of Law Practice:
Defining the Practice of Law; Unauthorized Practice of Law;
Authorized Multijurisdictional Practice
Text: 27-48, 56-60
TWEN: LegalZoom & Board of Dental Associates articles
MR: 5.3 thru 5.5, 5.7; 8.5
Questions: 2-1 thru 2-7, 2-9 thru 2-14