First Week Assignments – Fall 2018

Professional Responsibility (LAW 232) – Professor Michael S. McGinniss

The required textbook is the Third Edition (2017) of RUSSELL G. PEARCE, RENEE NEWMAN KNAKE, BRUCE A. GREEN, RENEE NEWMAN KNAKE, PETER A. JOY, SUNG HUI KIM, M. ELLEN MURPHY, & LAUREL S. TERRY, PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY: A CONTEMPORARY APPROACH (“Text”). The required supplement is the 2017-2018 Edition of LISA G. LERMAN, PHILIP G. SCHRAG, & ANJUM GUPTA, ETHICAL PROBLEMS IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW: MODEL RULES, STATE VARIATIONS, AND PRACTICE QUESTIONS, which contains the complete ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct (with Comments) (“MR”), as well as an excellent selection of MPRE-style practice questions (with very helpful explanatory answers). To access various online materials linked in the Text, you should go to the access website (eproducts.westacademic.com) and enter the code provided on the inside cover. The electronic Text will also provide additional access to the Restatement (Third) of the Law Governing Lawyers (the “Restatement”). Alternatively, you can access any assigned Restatement provisions directly through your Westlaw or LexisNexis account. On Friday, August 17, 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, August 21
Introduction to Professional Responsibility:
   Professionalism and Legal Ethics; the Positive Law of Lawyering
Text: 1-21
MR: Preamble & Scope; 8.4
Questions: 1-1 thru 1-15

Class 2
Thursday, August 23
The Basic Elements of Law Practice:
   Defining the Practice of Law; Unauthorized Practice of Law;
   Authorized Multijurisdictional Practice
Text: 23-56, 64-71
MR: 5.3 thru 5.5, 5.7; 8.5
Questions: 2-1 thru 2-7