First Week Assignments – Spring 2019

Advanced Legal Ethics (LAW 236) – Professor McGinniss

The required textbook (“Text”) is DANIEL R. COQUILLETTE, R. MICHAEL CASSIDY, & JUDITH A. MCCORMORROW, 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 4, 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 7

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 9

The Moral Person
Niccolò 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