**First Week Assignments**

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

The required textbook is the **Eighth Edition (2024)** of Nathan M. Crystal & Grace M. Giesel, Professional Responsibility: Problems of Practice and the Profession (“Text”). The required Supplement is the **2023 and 2024** 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 multiple-choice questions that will be assigned for class, along with very helpful explanatory answers.

You are welcome to use either a print copy or an electronic version of the Textbook and/or Supplement, as you may prefer. The final examination in this course will be closed book.

At about 9:30 am on Wednesday, August 21 via Campus Connection, I plan to email to students registered for the course the password for accessing (on TWEN) the Syllabus, certain materials that will be included along with the Text and Supplement in assigned readings during the semester, and other materials of interest. If you register for the course after 9:30 am on August 21, please email me at michael.mcginniss@und.edu (note spelling “ss”) to request the password.

**Class 1**

**Monday, August 26** Text: 1-20

**Foundations of Professional Responsibility:** MR: Preamble; Scope; 8.4(a),(c); 4.3

Lawyers as Responsible Fiduciaries,

Officers of the Court, and Persons

**Class 2**

**Wednesday, August 28** Text: 21-28, 30-38, 55-59

**Going Beyond the Rules:** MR: 1.2(b), 2.1, 1.16(b)(4), 6.2(c)

Conceptions of the Lawyer’s Role and

Developing Your Philosophy of Lawyering TWEN: Tenn. Bd. on Prof. Resp. Op. 96-F-140

Problem: 1-1 (p. 26)