

Lawyers' Ethics
Professor Liebmann

For our first class on Monday, January 23rd, please do the following:

1. Register for the course on TWEN.
2. Read through the course syllabus, which is available on the TWEN site, and complete the readings indicated on the syllabus for Assignment 1.
3. Read the materials listed on TWEN under "Assignment 1 Supplemental Materials."
4. Listen to the 50-minute podcast at the following link - http://www.radiolab.org/story/the_buried_bodies_case/.
5. In class, be prepared to discuss the questions listed below.
 - a. How did Armani address the fact that he had never handled a murder case before representing Garrow? Does that comport with Rule 1.1?
 - b. Do you think it was ethical of Armani and Belge to go and view the "buried bodies"? Is that consistent with Rule 1.3?
 - c. How did the promise of confidentiality help Armani and Belge in their representation of Garrow?
 - d. Does the current Rule 1.6 contain an exception that would have allowed Armani or Belge to contact the police about the buried bodies? If not, do you think it should?
 - e. Do you think it was proper for the prosecutor, in assessing whether or not to accept the plea deal presented by Armani and Belge, to consider whether he would "look bad" if he accepted the deal?
 - f. Aside from the ethics rules, what do you think would have been the right thing for Belge and Armani to do regarding disclosure of the bodies' location? Is it ok if the "right thing" is different from the ethics rules?
6. ***Note that I will call on people at our first class, so please do the readings, listen to the podcast, and think about the questions beforehand.***

For our second class on Thursday, January 26th, please do the following:

1. Complete the readings on the syllabus for Assignment 2.
2. Consider the following questions:
 - a. What creates an attorney-client relationship? Why does that matter?
 - b. What obligations, if any, does a lawyer owe to a "prospective" client? When does a person become a "prospective" client?
 - c. How is the scope of representation determined? What control does the lawyer have over determining scope? What control does the client have?