Lawyers’ Ethics Seminar - Monroe Freedman

Required Course Materials:


Instead of the ABA Model Rules, I recommend Gillers, Simon, & Perlman, Regulation of Lawyers: Statutes and Standards (latest edition). (This is not the Gillers casebook of a similar name). I recommend the Gillers, Simon, & Perlman book because it has the Model Rules and considerable additional material of value; however, it is more expensive and is not required.

The Syllabus and Supplementary Materials are available on TWEN and also in hard copy in the Copy Room.

This course is not a prep-course for the bar exam. (In any event, you should take a bar prep course.) We will be focusing principally on criminal defense and prosecution ethics, but much of that is applicable as well to civil practice. Also, almost all of the material on conflicts of interest deals with civil practice, as does much of the material on confidentiality and judicial disqualification. Regardless of the particular focus, you will be learning about the ethical rules in general, and about some important ethical standards and statutes.

Class Participation: Everyone will be expected to attend class regularly, to be fully prepared for every class, and to participate actively in class discussions. Contributions to the discussions on TWEN will be given some weight with regard to class participation. However, you will not be required to post on TWEN (as distinguished from reading it), and credit for postings will be given less weight than participation in class discussions. Half the seminar grade will be based on class participation; half will be based on either the final exam or, if you are writing a paper, on the paper.