

4. Demonstrate practical skills to deal with such issues as, confidentiality, unauthorized practice of law, conflicts of interest, and every day ethical dilemmas faced by legal professionals.
5. Apply basic research skills to analyze ethics codes, opinions, and state statutes.

CONTENT IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC BODY OF KNOWLEDGE:

1. Introduction to professional ethics
2. The regulation of lawyers and non-lawyer professionals
 - a. ABA model code
 - b. ABA ethics opinions
3. The unauthorized practice of law
 - a. Statutes
 - b. Case law
4. Confidentiality
 - a. General principles
 - b. Attorney/client privilege
 - c. Work product
5. Conflicts of interest
6. Fees and client funds
7. Competence and malpractice
8. Professionalism
9. Researching ethics codes and opinions

REQUIRED READING:

Orlik, Deborah K. Ethics for the Legal Professional. 4th edition.
La Canada: Marlen Hill Publisher, 1999.

SUGGESTED READING:

Law Review articles, the ABA Journal, and the California Lawyer

REQUIRED WRITING:

Case briefs and a term paper on legal ethics of at least 3 pages.

OUTSIDE ASSIGNMENTS:

Students are expected to spend a minimum of three hours per unit per week in class and on outside assignments, prorated for short term classes.

