

Syllabus - Legal Ethics
(Spring 2011 - Wednesdays 4:40-6:30 p.m.)

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- Office Hours: By appointment. Phone or email consultation works best. We can also meet in my office at Dinsmore & Shohl LLP downtown.
- Attendance: Attendance is important. More than one unexcused absence can affect your final grade. While promptness is important, because we are meeting only once a week, if you are delayed unexpectedly, you should nevertheless attend.
- Grading: Your grade will be based in large part on your final exam. I anticipate we will use a take-home exam. Class participation can affect your grade (positively or negatively) as much as half a grade.
- Text:
- Gillers, Regulation of Lawyers, Eighth Ed.
 - Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct (to be distributed in class)
- Class: Gillers' text is fairly entertaining. He mixes cases with a good bit of thought provoking material. Be prepared to discuss the cases in the assigned reading and pay close attention to the collateral issues raised. This is a topic that lends itself to lively discussion and debate.
- Ohio's Rules of Professional Conduct are very similar to the ABA's Model Rules, so understanding them will give you a good base, regardless of where you ultimately practice. You should review them initially for general content but then consult relevant sections as we address specific topics through the semester.

Reading (Subject to change as we go):

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| 1/19/2011 | The Source of Ethics Rules
(Gillers) Preface (really!)
Chapter I |
| 1/26/2011 | Defending the Attorney-Client Relationship
(Gillers) Chapter II. A., B., and C. |

2/2/2011	Protecting the Attorney-Client Relationship (Gillers)	Chapter III
2/9/2011	Conflicts of Interest (Gillers)	Chapters V A. and B.1-3
2/16/2011	Conflicts of Interest (cont'd) (Gillers)	Chapter VI A. and B.
2/23/2011	Ethics in Advocacy (Gillers)	Chapter VII A.-C. (By now, since you are intrigued by this subject, consider a quick read of VII D.-I. for interest!)
3/2/2011	Litigation Issues (Gillers)	Chapter VIII.
3/9/2011	Negotiation and Transactions (Gillers)	Chapter IX.
3/16/2011	Organizational Representation (Gillers)	Chapter X
3/23/2011	Spring Break	
3/30/2011	Remedies for Professional Failures (Gillers)	Chapter XIII A., B., D.
4/6/2011	Quality Control (Gillers)	Chapter XII A.-C.
4/13/2011	Money and Fees (You thought we would never get here.) (Gillers)	Chapter IV A. and B.
4/20/2011	Judges (Gillers)	Chapter XI.
4/27/2011	Review of Topics	No reading assignment. Come ready to discuss issues raised during the semester or to re-visit issues with the benefit of a semester's work.
NOTE:	There will be a mandatory session on Substance Abuse to be scheduled; this can affect the schedule.	