***Legal Profession in a Comparative Context[[1]](#footnote-1)***

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**REQUIRED MATERIALS**

***TEXTBOOK***

1. James Moliterno & George Harris, Global Issues in Legal Ethics (2007) --“M&H.”

***OTHER MATERIALS*** –available via Blackboard (see our class page)

2. ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct (2009) “Model Rules” — available for purchase or on-line at <http://www.abanet.org/cpr/mrpc/mrpc_toc.html>

3. Code of Conduct for European Lawyers (2006) “CCBE”— Handout.

4. The Legal Profession in the Russian Federation — 2 Handouts.

**Assignments**

5/30 – Class #1 – American Attorneys: Legal Malpractice vs. Grievances; Overview of the Model Rules of Professional Conduct; begin discussing the Role of Lawyer in Different Countries & Legal Systems.

Assignment: M & H Ch. 1, pp. 1-10[[2]](#footnote-2)

5/31 – Class #2 – Role of Lawyer (cont.); Regulation of Lawyers.

Assignment: M & H Ch. 2, pp. 11-36

6/1 – Class #3 – Lecture re CCBE; Defining & Forming Attorney-Client Relationship.

Assignment: M & H Ch. 3, pp. 39-57

6/2 – Class #4 – Compensation & Attorney fees.

Assignment: M & H Ch. 4, pp. 58-80

6/3 – Class #5 – Confidentiality. View & discuss Frank Armani & Alton Logan stories.

Assignment: M & H Ch. 5, pp. 82-96

6/8 – Class #6 – Incompatible Relations.

Assignment: M & H Ch. 6, pp. 98-110

6/9 – Class #7 – Representing Organizations & Duties to Court & Others;

Assignment: M & H Ch. 7, pp. 114-139 & Ch. 8, pp. 141-167.

6/10 – Class #8 – Advertising & Solicitation.

Assignment: M & H Ch. 9, pp. 169-179.

6/14 – Class #9 – High Court Visit—no regular class session (TENTATIVE)

6/15 – Class #10– Advertising & Solicitation (cont.); Judicial Conduct.

Assignment: M & H Ch. 10, pp. 181-205

6/16 – Class #11 – Regulation of the Legal Profession in Russia.

Assignment: Read and be prepared to discuss the “Russia” Handout

6/21 – Class #12 –Comparative discussion of the CCBE & Model Rules & ethical regulations in selected countries; attorney images in literature & movies.

Assignment: review provisions discussed in class & mentioned in M & H Chs. 1-10.

6/22 – Class #13 –Review.

Assignment: no new reading.

6/23 – No class -- Reading & Preparation Day

6/24 – No class -- Final Exam

1. This syllabus is subject to change upon prior notice by Prof. Lewinbuk [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Specific discussion questions & case briefs from M&H will be separately assigned in class. In preparation for each class, the students are to complete their assigned readings AND to look up and examine applicable provisions of the CCBE & Model Rules mentioned in the readings for that day. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)