

## ***FINAL INTERACTIVE ASSIGNMENT***

50 points (of your total 500 points for the final grade) shall be based on the following assignment:

The starting point for this assignment is the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct. Those Rules can be found at the following web address:

[http://www.state.il.us/court/SupremeCourt/Rules/Art\\_VIII/](http://www.state.il.us/court/SupremeCourt/Rules/Art_VIII/)

At the very least, you should print out a copy of the Rules for you use in this course and other PLA courses. You will note the rules can be downloaded from the web site as a Word Document.

Also, note that there are many other places on the Web where you can find the Rules. I do not have the technical skills to assist you in downloading the Rules. Therefore, I will not respond to inquiries related to any difficulties you might have obtaining the Rules from the Web.

The Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct are something you will hear a great deal about both as a student and as a practicing paralegal. Therefore, I thought it appropriate to get you deeply involved in the Rules at this early time in your career so you will be versed in the Rules if and when an issue arrives.

Also, the Rules are just the starting point for any research into the various subjects the Rules control. There are numerous Illinois web sites that have sections devoted to ethics and the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct. You should use a search engine such as Google ([www.google.com](http://www.google.com)) as you work your way through the Assignment.

On the Bulletin Board, pursuant to the following Final Interactive Assignment, you are to post your analysis and Report of Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct as follows:

If your last name begins with the letter A through M, you are to choose one of the Rules between Rule 1.1 and 4.4 and post your analysis and Report of the Rule.

If your last name begins with the letter N through Z, you are to choose one of the Rules between Rule 5.1 and 8.4 and post your analysis and Report of the Rule.

Your analysis and Report should include, but is not limited to, reference to the course text and other research materials found either on the Web or in other printed materials.

**NOTE: YOU MAY NOT DUPLICATE ANOTHER STUDENT'S RULE.**

**THEREFORE, EARLIER POSTINGS HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF "OWNING" THAT SECTION OF THE RULES.** For instance, if a classmate chose Rule 7.2

(Advertising) and posted his or her complete Report, that rule and all materials related to it are reserved to that classmate. You will simply have to choose a different rule for your Report. Consequently, early postings have the advantage of securing a particular rule.

Again, please note that earlier postings have the advantage of "locking" up a rule. Once a student has posted his or her COMPLETE Report, no other student can post on the same rule. Furthermore, there is no "saving" of any rule by posting an earlier message saying that you are going to be using a particular rule for your Report.

#### PROCEDURE FOR THE FINAL INTERACTIVE ASSIGNMENT:

The above assignment is very similar to the MANDATORY ASSIGNMENT you must post for each exam. Again, I am requiring this Final Interactive Assignment to expose you to the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct and generate "classroom discussions" regarding these important rules. You should note that I deem these assignments as the equivalent of "class participation" in an off-line class and believe they are a necessary component in delivering this course to you on-line.

Therefore, prior to 11:00 a.m. on the opening date for Exam 4, you must post your FULL AND COMPLETE Final Interactive Assignment Report to the Bulletin Board. You may post any time after the Mid-Term has closed (i.e. the closing date and time for Exam 2) but the deadline for posting your Final Interactive Assignment Report is no later than the opening date and time for Exam 4. This portion of the Final Interactive Assignment is worth up to 25 points. If you fail to comply with this portion of the Final Interactive Assignment, you will not earn any of the 25 points available for this portion of the Final Interactive Assignment towards your final grade in this course.

Moreover, you have up to and including the deadline for Exam 4 to post your responses to other classmates Final Interactive Assignment Report postings or any inquiries I make regarding your Report. This portion of the Final Interactive Assignment is worth up to the other 25 points allocated to the Final Interactive Assignment. If you fail to comply with this portion of the Final Interactive Assignment, you will not earn any of the 25 points available for this portion of the Final Interactive Assignment towards your final grade in this course.

As you can see, for the Final Interactive Assignment, up to 25 points (of the available 50 points for the Assignment) is based on your individual posting of the rule you have chosen from the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct. Remember, the deadline for this portion of the Final Interactive Assignment is 11:00 a.m. on the day Exam 2 opens.

Moreover, up to a maximum of the remaining 25 points (of the available 50 points for the Assignment) is based on your participation on the bulletin board discussing other classmate postings/Reports from the rule they have chosen and your response to any inquiries from me or your classmates on the rule you have chosen. Also, the deadline for this portion of the Final Interactive Assignment is 11:00 a.m. on the day Exam 4 closes.

Remember, to prevent duplication, you must choose your rule and post your COMPLETE Report no later than the deadline described above. Furthermore, you may not choose a

rule that has already been posted by one of your classmates (make sure you continually review the Bulletin Board to ensure that you do not duplicate another persons posting). Obviously, earlier postings have the advantage of greater choice among the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct but there are more than enough rules available to enable you to make a unique and timely posting of your Report.

**ALSO, YOU MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING BULLETIN BOARD PROCEDURES (INCLUDING YOUR NAME IN THE SUBJECT LINE):**

When you are posting your original Final Interactive Assignment Report, go to the Bulletin Board and click on "Compose Message." Thereafter, make sure you choose the FINAL INTERACTIVE ASSIGNMENT topic area. Also, in the Subject Line put the following:

**YOUR NAME and the Rule Number**

Thereafter, fill-in the Message area (NO ATTACHMENTS) with your full Report and post it to the Bulletin Board.

When responding to other classmate original Final Interactive Assignment Reports or questions posed by me, simply click on "Reply" and then post your response.

By following the above, a thread will be created for each of you with both your original Report posting and classmates responses (and your reply to those responses).

This will make it easier to follow on the Bulletin Board and easier for me to grade.

**FAIR WARNING!** You must follow the above procedure or I will treat your posting as if you did not complete the assignment.

As always, I am looking for your personal analysis and discussions. Simply posting materials that appear in the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct, other web pages, or in the text is not enough. In fact, if you post materials that you have found in other places, please identify those materials and web locations. Thereafter, I would like to see your analysis or discussion regarding those materials.

Please note that I recognize that this particular assignment may have some "hot button" issues. However, as always, you must maintain a professional and courteous tone as you discuss these issues. The best lawyers know that reasonable people can disagree. I have no problem with respectful disagreements inside the postings or discussions. However, I will not tolerate any abusive or strong language and any position you put forward must be supported by your research material.

Good Luck!

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