

# LAW 6028: Legal Prof & Reg of Lawyers

**\*\*PRE/COREQUISITE: Legal Profession (1002)\*\*** The law governing lawyers is currently under close scrutiny - the American Bar Association is studying revision of the ABA Model Rules (which are the basis for most states' ethics rules), a new Restatement should be out shortly, and various professional organizations (for example, the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers) are studying specific subject matter ethics. Malpractice actions against lawyers are increasing exponentially. The seminar will permit students to explore "hot" topics that are currently under study (such as conflict of interest rules and confidentiality obligations) and issues that are of importance in particular professional settings (such as the practice of family law, litigation practice, or criminal prosecution or defense). The seminar will also permit exploration of issues that present a broad perspective on the legal system - for example, issues pertaining to the pro bono responsibilities of lawyers and the legal system's response to racism and sexism. A substantial paper is required. Grades will be based on the paper and the participation of the student in the seminar. Seminar papers may take the form of traditional research papers or they may report on an empirical investigation (along with appropriate legal background) regarding particular issues - for example, how law firms go about fulfilling their obligations to assure that lawyers in the firm conform to ethics standards or the experience of lawyers regarding the ethical obligation to report misconduct by other lawyers.

**Credits:** 2.0

**Prerequisites:**

LAW 1002