

Evaluation of Joint Professionalism Training Session

1:10 pm – 5:00 pm, September 12, 2014

Due: September 26, 2014 in Falconer 109 at 4:00 pm.
Word limit: 500 words (250 words per question)

Choose **two** of the following three questions to answer:

1. In his remarks, Justice Stephen Goudge pointed out that while the rules of professional conduct restrains the behaviour of lawyers, the tenets of legal professionalism are not simply a list of “though shalt not”s. Using the *Elements of Professionalism* (Chief Justice of Ontario Advisory Committee on Professionalism, 2001, rev’d 2002) as a source, please discuss the affirmative burden that legal ethics and professionalism impose on the men and women who practice law.
2. What is the connection between health, well-being, and professionalism? Describe the typical pressures and problems experienced by students in a demanding program, and explain how they could create pressure to use poor judgment. Visit <http://myassistplan.com> and explain how one of the resources posted there could be useful in light of the connection between health and professionalism that you have identified.
3. The former dean of Yale Law School, Anthony T. Kronman, has explained that,

[Thinking like a lawyer] means, broadly speaking, to be attentive to the facts and to know which ones in any given situation are important to be able to tell a story with the facts, to master the power of narration; to recognize what others hope to achieve, even or especially when they have a hard time defining their own ambitions, and to appreciate empathically a range of human purposes and values and ideals wider than one’s own, to know the law and the legal system in which they serve.

In your view, how does Kronman’s claim relate to Caroline Sand’s observation that you are an expert on your own life, but not anyone else’s and Jonathan Rudin’s statement that lawyers need to “know what they don’t know” about their clients?

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