***Evaluation of January Ethics Training***

***September 27, 2019***

***Essay Assignment***

Due: Friday, October 11, 2019 at 4:00 pm (*via* assignments.law@utoronto.ca). 500 word limit—approximately 250 words for each question. Please use the Faculty of Law written work cover page, identify yourself by your pseudonym, and be sure to include the word count. These essays will be marked on a credit/no credit scale.

Please choose **two** of the following fourquestions to answer:

**Question 1:**

Naama and Sean are discussing the problem Justice Sossin posed on slides 4 and 5. Sean asserts that if, in the end, Sepia was able to rebut the presumption that she had ever received confidential information attributable to the confidential relationship between the Vancouver BMB office and the defendant company, then it was actually wrong of BMB to bring the motion to have ELAC disqualified in the first place. Sean insists BMB must have brought that motion to disqualify in bad faith.

Naama is not sure Sean is right about that.

What is the best argument that Sean can make? What Rule(s) of Professional Conduct might support his argument? What would be Naama’s most effective counterargument?

**Question 2:**

In her article “Dabaadendiziwin: Practices of Humility in a Multi-Juridical Legal Landscape,” Lindsay Borrows writes that one way to think of humility is as the “condition of being teachable.” As a law student, what practices and habits can you cultivate to become more teachable?

**Question 3:**

How do you think being an admitted member of the Law Society will change your conception of a “private” self and a “public” self? Will you have obligations in your personal life after you are admitted, or even starting now, that you did not have before you started law school?  Can you think of an example of something that might be all right for a non-lawyer to do in his personal life that you would not recommend a lawyer do in her personal life?

**Question 4:**

How would you connect Lindsay Borrows’ article on practicing law with humility to the climate change movement?

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