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| **Lawyer’s Ethics** |

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**Academic Year:** 2019-2020

**Semester: II semester**

**Class hours: 48**

**Credits: 6**

**Language of the course:** English

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

When corporate irresponsibility is discovered, it is common to ask “where were the attorneys when this transactions were effectuated?”. This was famously asked by Judge Sporkin in relation to the U.S. Savings and Loan Scandals of the 1980s. In the U.S. it was repeated after the stock scandals of the 1990s. And it is being asked in relation to the 2007 stock option backdating scandals. This question assumes that lawyers are involved in company action or inaction, and that lawyers can influence company compliance with the law. Where societies can use lawyers and lawyers can influence societies action or inaction, then lawyers can be asked why did they not prevent or mitigate society irresponsibility. Why did they not serve as compliance monitors?

This course will try to give to future lawyers all theoretical materials to help them to apply the law and encourage its application according to justice.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

1. Justice According to Philosophers’ Teaching
2. Justice According the Theological Side
3. Elements of Lawyer’s Ethics
4. The Two Faces of Lawyers: Professional Ethics and Business Compliance with Regulation
5. Charter of Core Principles of the European Legal Profession and Code of Conduct for European Lawyers
6. Three Models of Legal Ethics
7. Legal ethics and professional responsibility in a global Context
8. Realism, Responsibility and the Good Lawyer: Niebuhrian Perspectives in Legal Ethics
9. Toward Moral Responsibility in Lawyering: Further Thoughts on the Deontological Model of Legal Ethics

**KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS TO BE ACQUIRED**

This course will give lawyers philosophical and theological material to help them to understand the fundamental principles applicable in their country, and with this principles in mind, allow them to examine issues and to explore proposed actions when confronted with ethical issue.

**Teaching:** frontal lessons

**Grading:** oral exam

**Office hours:** on Tuesdays from 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. – Teachers’ room

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**COURSE TEXTBOOK**

Lecture notes of the professor - in progress