

ADDENDUM UPDATING STUDENT CONDUCT CODE

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LANGUAGE ADDED TO PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT CODE > VALUES AND MISCONDUCT>NOTICE; TO BE ADDED AFTER "...matriculation"

The Code can also be found in the Student Bulletin. Students are responsible for reviewing the Code prior to the start of each academic year. If updates are made in the middle of an academic year, notice of the update will be provided to the student body prior to implementation of any new provisions.

LANGUAGE MODIFIED IN PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT CODE>SECTION 1. MISCONDUCT UNDER THIS CODE

Sections now lettered as follows:

- A. Academic Misconduct
 - B. Violation of Standards of Behavior
 - C. Violation of University Policies
 - D. Unlawful Conduct
 - E. Unethical Conduct
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LANGUAGE ADDED TO PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT CODE > SECTION 1. MISCONDUCT UNDER THIS CODE>A. ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT; TO BE INSERTED AFTER #7

8) Violating the Law School's Academic Freedom and Open Expression Policy implemented by the Law School in accordance with ABA Standard 208.

LANGUAGE ADDED TO PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT CODE > SECTION 1. MISCONDUCT UNDER THIS CODE>A. ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT; TO BE ADDED AFTER NEW #9

10) Using AI tools in a manner prohibited by a faculty member in the course syllabus or in a manner prohibited by the policies of any of the law school's programs.

LANGUAGE ADDED AFTER PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT CODE > SECTION 1. MISCONDUCT
UNDER THIS CODE; ADD AS SUB-SECTION B

B. Violation of Standards of Behavior

1) Intentional conduct that substantially interferes with the ability of the instructor to teach or other students to learn and that persists after requests for such conduct to cease.

2) Substantial interference by violence, force, disorder, obstruction, or vocal disruption of a law school activity or activity authorized or sponsored by the law school.

3) Harassment of students, staff, or faculty of Emory Law School. Harassment can include conduct that persists after such behavior has been requested to stop. Harassment can also include any unwelcome oral, written, or physical conduct that is so severe and/or pervasive that it has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment or unreasonably interferes with or affects an individual's academic performance or ability to carry out duties.

LANGUAGE CHANGED IN PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT CODE > SECTION I. MISCONDUCT
UNDER THIS CODE>NEW SUB-SECTION C. VIOLATION OF UNIVERSITY POLICIES>1.; TO
REPLACE THIRD PARAGRAPH

Allegations of misconduct under this section shall be referred to the University's Department of Equity and Civil Rights Compliance (DECRC) for investigation and disposition. The Law School may choose to utilize conduct court procedures in addition to such referral.

LANGUAGE CHANGED IN PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT CODE > SECTION I. MISCONDUCT
UNDER THIS CODE>NEW SUB-SECTION C. VIOLATION OF UNIVERSITY POLICIES>2.; TO
REPLACE SECOND PARAGRAPH

Should a student against whom a complaint has been filed believe that their actions are protected by the OEP, or by the Academic Freedom and Open Expression Policy implemented by the Law School in accordance with ABA Standard 208, that student must raise that claim as an affirmative defense, as provided for in this Code in Section II.D.

LANGUAGE INSERTED IN PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT CODE>SECTION II. PROCESS & PRE-TRIAL RESOLUTIONS>B. SUMMARY SANCTION FOR MISCONDUCT; FIRST PARAGRAPH AS FOLLOWS WITH CHANGE UNDERLINED AND IN ITALICS

Offenses of misconduct related to a student's presence or enrollment at Emory Law may be summarily sanctioned by the faculty member, librarian, or senior staff person who learns of the misconduct. Examples of summary sanctions can include, but are not limited to, an oral reprimand, a grade penalty (including a failing grade), restrictions on library use, restrictions on participation in externships, journals, and competition teams, restrictions on access to services, staff, and privileges at the Career Center and in other student service areas at Emory Law.

LANGUAGE REMOVED IN PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT CODE>SECTION II. PROCESS & PRE-TRIAL RESOLUTIONS>C. COMPLAINT; SECOND PARAGRAPH

LANGUAGE ADDED IN PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT CODE>SECTION II. PROCESS & PRE-TRIAL RESOLUTIONS>C. COMPLAINT; ADDED TO END OF SECTION

If the alleged violation occurred or was discovered prior to the last two weeks of classes in a semester, complaints must be made by the end of the semester in which the alleged violation occurred or was discovered. If the alleged violation occurred or was discovered during the last two weeks of classes in a semester or during finals period, the complaint must be made no later than the first two weeks of the following semester, including summer semester. The end of the semester is the last day of the exam period.

LANGUAGE EDITED IN PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT CODE>SECTION II. PROCESS & PRE-TRIAL RESOLUTIONS>D. INVESTIGATION; REPLACE FOURTH PARAGRAPH WITH FOLLOWING

If the student who is the subject of an investigation believes that their alleged conduct is protected by the Law School's 208 Policy or the University's Open Expression Policy, the student is required to raise this protection as a defense during the investigation process. The student may, at any time prior to a Hearing held pursuant to Section III.G., seek the opinion of the Law School's 208 Hearing Committee an affirmative defense, describing with particularity why the conduct in question is protected by the Law School's 208 Policy or the University's Open Expression Policy. The filing of an affirmative defense shall constitute a stay of all proceedings until such time as the issues its findings.

LANGUAGE ADDED IN PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT CODE>SECTION II. PROCESS & PRE-TRIAL RESOLUTIONS>D. INVESTIGATION; ADD TO END OF SECTION

If the Investigator does not find reasonable cause to believe that an offense has been committed, the Complaint shall be dismissed with prejudice, and no further action shall be taken.

LANGUAGE CHANGED IN PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT CODE>SECTION II. PROCESS & PRE-TRIAL RESOLUTIONS>E. PRE-CHARGE NEGOTIATED RESOLUTION; FIRST PARAGRAPH WITH CHANGES UNDERLINED AND IN ITALICS

Any Complaint may be resolved through a Negotiated Resolution after the Investigator's report is submitted but prior to the filing of Charges. Before a Charge is made, any discussions about a negotiated resolution may be initiated by the accused student, the Investigator, *or the Associate Dean of Students and Academic Programs*. If the parties wish to pursue negotiations, then such negotiations for the resolution of a dispute before a Charge is made must be undertaken promptly, within *five (5) business days* after the Investigator's report is filed.

LANGUAGE CHANGED IN PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT CODE>SECTION II. PROCESS & PRE-TRIAL RESOLUTIONS>E. PRE-CHARGE NEGOTIATED RESOLUTION>SECOND PARAGRAPH; LAST SENTENCE CHANGES UNDERLINED AND IN ITALICS

The Investigator *or the Associate Dean of Students and Academic Programs* shall help to convene the Negotiated Resolution meeting and may also assist the parties in drafting a Negotiated Resolution agreement but is not a party to the Negotiated Resolution meeting.

LANGUAGE ADDED IN PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT CODE>SECTION II. PROCESS & PRE-TRIAL RESOLUTIONS>F. FILING OF CHARGES/REFERRAL FOR PROSECUTIONS; ADD SECOND PARAGRAPH

Once a complaint reaches the charging stage of the process, all Charges will automatically be reported to the Bar of any jurisdiction where that individual applies for admission.

LANGUAGE ADDED IN PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT CODE>SECTION II. PROCESS & PRE-
TRIAL RESOLUTIONS>ADD NEW SUB-SECTION G. INTERIM ACTION

Nothing contained in this Section shall prohibit the Law School from taking prompt, interim, necessary and appropriate action to protect the safety and well-being of the campus community. The Law School Administration is charged with the welfare of the entire law school community. Accordingly, in appropriate situations, the Dean or their designee has complete discretion and authority to deal with student conduct according to the exigencies of the situation and for its duration.

A student removed from Campus under such circumstances shall have the right to continue their law school education, in a manner within the discretion of the Dean or their designee, until such time as the exigencies are resolved.

LANGUAGE CHANGED IN PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT CODE>SECTION III. THE
PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT COURT>C. DEFENSE; CHANGES UNDERLINED AND IN ITALICS

Concurrently with the election of the Prosecutor, the student body shall elect a rising third-year student to serve as the Student Defender in prosecutions under this Code. This student will be available to serve as Defender for any student accused of an offense under this Code if the student so requests. The term of office of the Defender shall be twelve (12) months, beginning April 1 each year. The student body shall also elect a rising second-year student as Deputy Defender for the purpose of assisting the Student Defender as requested on a case-by-case basis and serving as Student Defender in the event that the Student Defender is a party, *a conflict of interest exists between two accused students in the same matter*, or the Student Defender is otherwise unavailable to serve in a particular case. The Deputy Defender shall be elected for a term of office of twelve (12) months to run concurrently with the term of the defender.

LANGUAGED REMOVED PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT CODE>SECTION III. THE
PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT COURT>F. INITIATION OF HEARING; REMOVE SECOND
PARAGRAPH

LANGUAGE CHANGED IN PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT CODE>SECTION III. THE
PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT COURT>G. THE HEARING; THIRD PARAGRAPH CHANGES
UNDERLINED AND IN ITALICS

The accused may represent themselves or may ask any other member of the law school student body or the Student Defender or Deputy Student Defender to act as representation at the hearing. All cases brought before the Court will be prosecuted and defended by members of the student body.

LANGUAGED CHANGED IN PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT CODE>SECTION III. THE
PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT COURT>G. THE HEARING; TENTH PARAGRAPH CHANGES
UNDERLINED AND IN ITALICS

If the accused is acquitted, the Chief Justice will notify the Dean of the acquittal as soon as possible. At the request of the accused student, the Dean may make known the final resolution of the case to the law school community. The accused shall have the option of having the Dean publish his or her name along with the fact of the acquittal. The complainant's name shall not be disclosed publicly.

LANGUAGED CHANGED IN PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT CODE>SECTION III. THE
PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT COURT>I. SANCTIONS; SECTION REVISED

At the conclusion of a Hearing or after the accused student enters an admission, the Court may impose one or more sanctions. All sanctions, with the exception of an oral reprimand, will be recorded in the student's academic record. The following is a non-exhaustive list of potential sanctions that may be imposed:

- 1) An oral reprimand to be administered by the Dean
- 2) A written reprimand
- 3) Participation in an educational program
- 4) Letter of apology, community or pro bono service, or other sanction designed to achieve restorative justice
- 5) Termination from an impacted program
- 6) Partial or no credit on the examination, assessment, or assignment
- 7) Failure of the course – if a student is convicted of cheating or plagiarism, a grade of “F” in the course is presumed to be the appropriate sanction in addition to any other sanctions

- 8) Suspension for not less than one semester nor more than four semesters.
Readmission may be conditioned upon meeting certain conditions
 - 9) Delay in graduation, and in the ability to walk at a graduation ceremony, for a specified period of time after normal completion of degree requirements
 - 10) Expulsion
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LANGUAGED CHANGED IN PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT CODE>SECTION III. THE
PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT COURT>J. POST-CONVICTION; FIRST PARAGRAPH WITH
CHANGES UNDERLINED AND IN ITALICS

The Chief Justice will communicate the Court's decision and sanctions to the accused student orally immediately after the decision is reached (the "Notification"). The Chief Justice will also notify the Dean of the Court's decision and sanction(s) in writing as soon as possible, but no later than ten (10) calendar days, after the hearing. The Chief Justice will forward to the Dean the verdict, the findings of fact, and any documentary evidence, notes, or tape recordings of the proceedings. Copies of the Court's decision shall be provided to the accused student in writing.

LANGUAGED DELETED IN PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT CODE>SECTION III. THE
PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT COURT>J. POST-CONVICTION; DELETE SECOND TO LAST
PARAGRAPH BEGINNING WITH "THE DEAN WILL THEN NOTIFY..."
