Training course on Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Legal Institute	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Analyze the foundational principles of **legal ethics** and **professional responsibility**.
2. Master complex issues surrounding **client confidentiality** and attorney-client privilege.
3. Navigate intricate **conflicts of interest**, including current, former, and imputed conflicts.
4. Understand the ethical duties relating to **competence** and **diligence** in modern legal practice.
5. Apply ethical rules governing **candor to the tribunal** and the adversarial system.
6. Address advanced ethical considerations in **client-lawyer relationships** and scope of representation.
7. Analyze the **ethical implications of legal technology**, including **AI** and cybersecurity.
8. Understand the professional responsibilities of **supervising and subordinate attorneys**.
9. Examine ethical duties in **corporate governance** and for in-house counsel.
10. Navigate **cross-border ethical challenges** and multi-jurisdictional practice rules.

11. Develop strategies for managing **ethical dilemmas** in high-stakes litigation and transactions.
12. Discuss the lawyer's role in **access to justice** and pro bono service.
13. Uphold the highest standards of **professional conduct** and **public trust** in the legal profession.

Target Audience

This course is designed for experienced legal professionals seeking advanced insights into ethical practice:

1. **Experienced Attorneys:** Partners, senior associates, and solo practitioners looking to deepen their ethical understanding.
2. **In-House Counsel and General Counsel:** Navigating complex corporate ethics and compliance issues.
3. **Judges and Arbitrators:** Seeking to understand current ethical challenges facing legal practitioners.
4. **Law Firm Management and Ethics Counsel:** Responsible for firm-wide compliance and risk management.
5. **Legal Regulators and Disciplinary Board Members:** Involved in setting and enforcing professional conduct rules.
6. **Government Lawyers:** Addressing ethical duties in public service and policy roles.
7. **Compliance Professionals:** Working at the intersection of legal and ethical compliance.
8. **Legal Educators:** Teaching advanced ethics courses or conducting research in the field.

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Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Legal Ethics and Professionalism

- The Sources of Ethical Rules: Model Rules, State Codes, Case Law.
- The Role of Lawyers in Society and the Justice System.
- Defining Professionalism vs. Ethics vs. Morality.
- Duty of Loyalty and its Paramount Importance.
- Overview of Disciplinary Proceedings and Malpractice Liability.

Module 2: Advanced Client Confidentiality and Privilege

- Scope of Attorney-Client Privilege and Work Product Doctrine.
- Exceptions to Confidentiality: Future Crime/Fraud, Harm Prevention.
- Practical Challenges: Cloud Storage, Data Security, Remote Work.
- Inadvertent Disclosure and Waiver of Privilege.
- Confidentiality in Multi-Jurisdictional Practice and Global Teams.

Module 3: Complex Conflicts of Interest

- Identifying Current Client Conflicts: Direct Adversity, Material Limitation.
- Conflicts Involving Former Clients: Substantially Related Matters.
- Imputed Conflicts and Ethical Walls (Screening Mechanisms).
- Conflicts in Entity Representation: "Who is the Client?".
- Conflicts with Third-Party Payors and Joint Representation.

Module 4: Competence, Diligence, and Communication

- The Duty of **Competence**: Keeping Abreast of Law and Technology.
- The Duty of **Diligence**: Promptness and Thoroughness.

- Adequate Communication with Clients: Informed Consent.
- Ethical Issues in Scope of Representation Agreements.
- Managing Client Expectations and Difficult Clients.

Module 5: Candor to the Tribunal and the Adversarial System

- The Duty of **Candor** vs. Zealous Advocacy.
- False Statements of Fact or Law to the Court.
- Obligation to Disclose Adverse Legal Authority.
- Evidence Ethics: Perjury, Tampering, Spoilation.
- Ethical Considerations in Discovery Practice.

Module 6: Advertising, Solicitation, and Fees

- Ethical Rules Governing Lawyer Advertising and Marketing.
- Prohibitions on In-Person and Live Telephone Solicitation.
- Fee Arrangements: Reasonableness, Contingent Fees, Fee Splitting.
- Trust Accounting and Safeguarding Client Property.
- Ethical Challenges in Online Marketing and Social Media.

Module 7: Ethical Implications of Legal Technology

- Duty of Technological Competence.
- **Cybersecurity Obligations**: Protecting Client Data.
- Ethical Use of **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** in Legal Practice.
- Data Privacy and Confidentiality in Digital Tools.
- Cloud Computing and Outsourcing Ethical Due Diligence.

Module 8: Professional Responsibility in Law Firm Management

- Responsibilities of **Supervising Attorneys** (Rule 5.1).
- Duties of **Subordinate Attorneys** (Rule 5.2).
- Managing Non-Lawyer Assistants and Staff.
- Ethical Responsibilities in Law Firm Sale or Dissolution.
- Multi-Jurisdictional Practice (MJP) and Unauthorized Practice of Law (UPL).

Module 9: Ethics in Corporate Governance and In-House Counsel

- The Role of In-House Counsel as Advisor and Gatekeeper.
- Reporting Up the Ladder and Ethical Dilemmas in Corporate Settings.
- Confidentiality and Privilege in the Corporate Context.
- Counseling Corporate Clients on Ethical Compliance.
- Navigating Whistleblower Issues and Internal Investigations.

Module 10: Advanced Ethical Dilemmas and Risk Management

- Identifying and Analyzing Complex Ethical Dilemmas.
- Ethical Decision-Making Frameworks.
- Implementing Firm-Wide **Ethical Compliance Programs**.
- Professional Liability and Malpractice Prevention.
- Building an Ethical Culture within a Legal Organization.

Module 11: Access to Justice and Pro Bono Service

- The Lawyer's Professional Obligation for **Access to Justice**.
- Ethical Considerations in Providing **Pro Bono Legal Services**.
- Limited Scope Representation and Unbundling of Legal Services.
- Ethical Challenges in Serving Underserved Populations.
- The Role of Technology in Expanding Access to Justice.

Module 12: Future Trends in Legal Ethics and Regulation

- The Impact of Globalization on Ethical Standards.
- Ethical Challenges of Virtual Practice and Remote Work.
- Regulation of Non-Lawyer Ownership and Alternative Business Structures.
- Evolving Standards for Lawyer Well-being and Mental Health.
- The Future of Professional Conduct Rules in a Changing World.

Training Methodology

- **Interactive Workshops:** Facilitated discussions, group exercises, and problem-solving activities.
- **Case Studies:** Real-world examples to illustrate successful community-based surveillance practices.
- **Role-Playing and Simulations:** Practice engaging communities in surveillance activities.
- **Expert Presentations:** Insights from experienced public health professionals and community leaders.
- **Group Projects:** Collaborative development of community surveillance plans.
- **Action Planning:** Development of personalized action plans for implementing community-based surveillance.
- **Digital Tools and Resources:** Utilization of online platforms for collaboration and learning.
- **Peer-to-Peer Learning:** Sharing experiences and insights on community engagement.
- **Post-Training Support:** Access to online forums, mentorship, and continued learning resources.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

- Participants must be conversant in English.
- Upon completion of training, participants will receive an Authorized Training Certificate.
- The course duration is flexible and can be modified to fit any number of days.
- Course fee includes facilitation, training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch, and a Certificate upon successful completion.
- One-year post-training support, consultation, and coaching provided after the course.
- Payment should be made at least a week before the training commencement to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice, to enable better preparation.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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