



THE JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL

Student Code of Conduct

A. Preamble

Each student is admitted to the John Marshall Law School on the condition that his or her conduct meets the standards of conduct established by the law school.

B. Standards of Conduct

1. Examinations

It is a violation of this student code to:

- (a) Seek, receive, reproduce or circulate what the student knows to be unauthorized information concerning the content of an examination prior to such examination or a copy of an examination prior to its administration.
- (b) Bring into an examination room any unauthorized materials.
- (c) Fail to comply strictly with any examination instructions or procedures including, but not limited to, the use of materials, collaboration with other students, and time limitations.
- (d) Use a false excuse to avoid taking an examination at its scheduled time.
- (e) Engage any person to take an examination in place of oneself or to take an examination for another.
- (f) Disrupt an examination.
- (g) Divulge grades or examination numbers without authorization.

2. Academic Honesty

It is a violation of this student code to:

- (a) Submit for credit work not originally prepared for the course for which it is submitted without explicit permission of the instructor of the course after the instructor has been advised of the origins of the work.
- (b) Engage in plagiarism as defined and explained in Section VII of The John Marshall Law School Student Handbook.

3. Class Attendance and Course Requirements

It is a violation of this student code to:

- (a) Purposely indicate the presence in class of another student whom the student knows not to be actually present in class, or to misrepresent his or her own presence or absence.

4. Misappropriation and Misuse of Property

It is a violation of this student code to:

- (a) Damage, hide, or otherwise exert unauthorized control over property belonging to another person or the law school.
- (b) Obtain or attempt to obtain unauthorized access to any school record, database, or communication to or from law school personnel, or any student e-mail sent, received, or stored on school servers or computers.
- (c) Use or attempt to use the law school's computer or e-mail systems in violation of the school's regulations or in furtherance of any conduct that would constitute a violation of this code of conduct.

5. Honesty and Integrity

It is a violation of this student code to:

- (a) Furnish false information or records including, but not limited to information relating to admissions, registration, computer services, career services, financial aid, or other law school sponsored activities or programs.
- (b) Forge or alter school documents, records, or identification cards or use or attempt to use forged or altered documents, records or identification cards with intent to defraud.
- (c) Falsify a signature on any form, document, or paper.

- (d) Furnish to any person information or records knowing them to be false or inaccurate relating to the student's academic record or the student's activities at the law school.
- (e) Falsify or misrepresent academic standing or participation in curricular or extracurricular activities in the securing or continuation of employment, externships or benefits.
- (f) Engage in other acts of dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation that are prejudicial to the mission or operation of the law school.

6. Respect for Others

It is a violation of this student code to:

- (a) Engage in threatening, intimidating, or disruptive conduct or comments of any kind on campus or engage in such conduct off-campus if it interferes with the rights of others to participate fully and freely in the educational process.
- (b) Engage in conduct or comments which reasonably could be expected to and which does result in the harassment, intimidation or stigmatization of an individual because of race, national origin, ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, immigrant status, or disability. Statements made in the context of a class discussion or exchange of ideas are not sanctionable.
- (c) Obstruct, impair, or interfere with sponsored or authorized activities, including classroom discussion, in a manner likely to deprive others of the benefit or enjoyment of the activity.
- (d) Use or attempt to use force against any member of the law school community or his or her family or to threaten the use of force against any member of the law school community or his or her family in circumstances which create a reasonable fear that actual force is likely to follow.
- (e) Engage in conduct which threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person on school premises, or at school- sponsored or school-supervised functions at any place.

7. Illegal and Criminal Conduct

It is a violation of this student code to:

- (a) Possess, use, or distribute illegal drugs on law school property or during law school sponsored activities

- (b) Violate the Illinois Criminal Code or other penal laws of the State of Illinois, or of any other state, or of the federal government. A judgment of conviction is conclusive for purposes of this section.
- (c) Fail to report a criminal conviction to the Dean or Assistant Dean for Student Life and Leadership within five (5) days of judgment.

8. Obstruction of Disciplinary Proceedings

It is a violation of this student code to:

- (a) Testify falsely or provide false information during a disciplinary violation process.
- (b) Bring a charge in bad faith under this Code and the Rules for Student Disciplinary Proceedings.
- (c) Harass any person who provides information or testimony pertaining to an alleged violation of this Code or who participates in the enforcement of this Code.
- (d) Submit to persons participating in a disciplinary investigation any allegation of misconduct that is false and that the complaining student knew to be false at the time it was submitted.
- (e) Breach the confidentiality requirements relating to disciplinary proceedings under this Code.

9. Disciplinary Code Standards and Ethical Obligations

It is a violation of this student code to:

- (a) Violate published law school regulations or policies or engage in conduct that is prejudicial to the mission or operation of the law school or the rights of others in the law school community to participate fully and freely in the educational process.
- (b) Assist any other student in any violation or attempted violation of this Code, or to combine, agree or confederate with other students to engage in conduct that violates this Code.