

**Chanakya National Law University, Patna**  
**B.A., LL.B. (H) and B.B.A., LL.B. (H) 2022-23; SEMESTER- IX**

**Course Title:** Professional Ethics & Professional Accounting System

## **Course Overview**

The curriculum is designed to focus on the professional conduct and ethical practices that make law a great and noble profession. Of late there is a lowering in ethical standards in the legal profession which has adversely affected the public as well as the profession itself. The curriculum aims to properly equip law students who enter the legal profession and helps them become successful lawyers.

Module one deals with introduction.

Module two is about the rules for admission, enrolment and practice.

Module three deals with professional ethics.

Module four concerns the responsibilities of the legal profession.

Module five is about the privileges of the lawyer

Module six focuses on contempt of court.

Module seven covers accountancy for lawyers

## **Learning Outcomes**

The course aims to provide information and advice of the greatest practical value, the standards of which are high and exacting but neither too high nor too exacting for a profession which is an essential part of the administration of justice. The course aims to instil in law students, the duties of patience, courtesy and kindness. The course aims to raise the ethical standards of students who will in future be learned lawyers and honorable judges.

On completion of the course, a student's life will be imbued with lofty idealism and s/he will be able to

1. understand the significance of advocacy as a great and noble profession;
2. apply the knowledge and understanding of professional ethics and serve the society and legal profession with integrity,
3. promote the advancement of justice in the society;
4. conduct themselves with dignity and achieve excellence in their professional as well as personal life by following the professional ethics; and
5. maintain the honour and prestige of the profession which has been created not for private gain but for public good.

## List of Topics/ Modules

Topic/ Module	Contents/ Concepts	Sessions / Lectures
<b>Module I: Introduction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evolution of legal profession in India.</li> <li>• Laws and rules regulating legal practice</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	1-5
<b>Module II: Rules for Admission, Enrolment and Practice</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Persons entitled to legal practice</li> <li>• Laws relating to enrolment &amp; practice</li> <li>• Right to practice</li> <li>• Bar Councils</li> </ul>	6-16
<b>Module III: Professional Ethics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principles of professional ethics</li> <li>• Rules of professional conduct</li> <li>• Standards of professional ethics</li> <li>• Professional negligence</li> <li>• Acts amounting to professional misconduct</li> <li>• Disciplinary committee</li> <li>• Cases on professional misconduct</li> </ul>	17-27
<b>Module IV: Responsibilities of the legal profession</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Duties of a lawyer</li> <li>• Bar-Bench relationship</li> <li>• Role and duties of Judges</li> <li>• Friendly discipline by senior lawyers</li> <li>• Privileges of a lawyer</li> <li>• Lawyers' strike</li> </ul>	28-34
<b>Module V: Privileges of lawyers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Privilege of discharging duties.</li> <li>• Right to fee</li> <li>• Eligibility to public office</li> <li>• Privilege to authenticate cases.</li> </ul>	35-41
<b>Module VI:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kinds of contempt of court</li> </ul>	42-52

<b>Contempt of court</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acts amounting to contempt of court</li> <li>• Defences available to contemnor</li> <li>• Punishment</li> <li>• Origin, object and Constitutional validity</li> <li>• Cases on contempt of court</li> </ul>	
<b>Module VII: Accountancy for lawyers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance of accounts</li> <li>• Nature and functioning</li> <li>• Accounts by partnership firms of advocates.</li> </ul>	53-60

### **Recommended/Reference Text Books and Resources:**

#### **Text Books**

- Mr. Krishnamurthy Iyer's book on "Advocacy"
- The Contempt Law and Practice
- Fundamental principles of Accountancy for Advocates

#### **References**

Nani Palkhivala-Courtroom Genius  
Law, Justice and Judicial Power: Justice P N Bhagwati's Approach  
Indu Bhan-Legal Eagles  
Dr. B Malik-The Art of a Lawyer  
Sarosh Zaiwalla- Honour Bound  
R V Raveendran- Anomalies in Law & Justice  
Hints on Advocacy  
Edward Abbott Parry- The Seven Lamps of Advocacy  
Surendra Malik- Contempt of Court

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