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QUIZ 3: Legal Ethics & Professional Responsibility, and Sources of Law! (M&M chs. 4-5) *via Blackboard*

Instructions: Choose the best answer to each question. Each response is worth 2 points.

- D 1. "Competence" in a paralegal requires which of the following?
(A) knowledge of the law (B) careful research to ensure being up-to-date (C) proper preparation for all professional interactions **(D) All of these choices are correct.**
- B 2. Lawyer LaTonya assigns a new client's case to Paralegal Prema. In reviewing the file, Prema realizes that the case requires LaTonya to sue her former client. What ethical issue is raised by this situation?
(A) competence **(B) conflict of interest** (C) confidentiality (D) unlawful practice of law
- A 3. To avoid liability for unlawful practice of law, a paralegal who drafts an opinion letter at an attorney's request:
(A) should not sign his own name to the letter.
(B) may sign his own name, so long as he indicates that he is a paralegal.
(C) may sign his own name, so long as the attorney permits him to do so.
(D) None of these choices are correct.
- E 4. Which of the following is a potential consequence of an ethical violation?
(A) malpractice case against the attorney (B) disbarment of the attorney (C) paralegal losing her/his job
(D) attorney and paralegal losing their good reputation **(E) all of the above**
- A 5. The first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution are called the:
(A) Bill of Rights (B) Doctrine of Federal Preemption (C) Supremacy Clause (D) Santa Clause
- E 6. The difference between a primary source of law and a secondary source of law is:
(A) primary sources are the law (B) secondary sources are the law (C) secondary sources explain the law
(D) primary sources explain the law **(E) both (A) and (C)**
- A 7. Law books and articles that summarize, interpret, and index the law are called:
(A) secondary sources (B) mandatory authority (C) primary sources (D) persuasive authority
- A 8. A source of law that a court must follow when deciding a case is called _____ authority.
(A) mandatory (or binding) (B) persuasive (C) primary (D) secondary
- B 9. It is possible for a secondary source to be mandatory (binding) on a court. (A) true **(B) false**

BONUS! (1 point each—ONLY IF you answer ALL of questions 1-10!)

- D Secondary sources that help you research case law include: (A) digests (B) legal encyclopedias
(C) annotations **(D) all of these**
- B Statutes are laws passed by the legislature, whereas law made by judges/courts is known as: (A) stare
deceases **(B) case law/common law** (C) an appeal (D) administrative law