

Part II: Student Conduct and Discipline

A. Introduction

Indiana University and the law school expect that law students will obey the laws of the state and community while conducting themselves in a responsible manner consistent with the highest standards of professional integrity. The ideals of higher education are best pursued in an environment of mutual respect for the rights of all people in the academic community.

Law students are subject to the rules and regulations of Indiana University and the law school, including rules and regulations currently in effect and those that may be promulgated in the future by appropriate authorities. A student, by accepting admission, indicates a willingness to subscribe to and be governed by these rules and regulations and acknowledges the right of Indiana University or the law school to take such disciplinary action as may be appropriate, in accordance with University or law school procedures, for failure to abide by these rules and regulations or for other conduct deemed unsatisfactory or detrimental to the University or the law school. Disciplinary action may include suspension, expulsion, or denial of a degree.

B. Honor Code

The Honor Code consists of the *Indiana University Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct* together with *Amendments adopted by the law school* (see links on last page). The law school's amendments to Part II of the Code, dealing with student responsibilities and misconduct, include the addition of the following:

Regardless of the content of stated rules and regulations, certain expectations and responsibilities apply to law students. By enrolling in law school, law students have chosen to be judged by the highest standards of personal honor and the highest ethical principles. Integrity and conduct above reproach are essential attributes for persons preparing for the legal profession. Students share in the responsibility to support an academic environment in which students act with integrity.

Consistent with this responsibility, the amendments to Part II also provide that law students are obligated to report personal knowledge of another student's misconduct and failure to report such personal knowledge is itself an act of misconduct for which a student may be disciplined. Forms for reporting student misconduct are available in the office of the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs. Two additional amendments to Part II make it clear that misconduct includes misrepresentation of class attendance and falsification or concealment of information material to admission to law school, admission to the bar, or

employment. Numerous additional examples of academic and personal misconduct are contained in the University Code.

C. Disciplinary Procedures

Disciplinary procedures for law students may be found in the law school's amendments, which provide that the law school has final authority in disciplining students of the school. Parallel procedures apply to both academic and personal misconduct. These procedures provide important due process rights to any student accused of misconduct, such as notice of the charges, an opportunity to respond, and appellate review.

D. Links

- ⇒ Indiana University Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct (<http://dsa.indiana.edu/Code/>)
- ⇒ Law School Amendments to the Code (<http://indylaw.indiana.edu/students/handbook/honorcode.pdf>)
- ⇒ Inlow Hall Code of Conduct (<http://indylaw.indiana.edu/students/codeofconduct.htm>)