

## **BA.LL.B (HONS.) – X-SEMESTER-**

### **PROFESSIONAL ETHICS, BAR & BENCH RELATIONS & ACCOUNTANCY FOR LAWYER (Clinical Paper-III)**

#### **COURSE CODE:**

**Course Objectives:** The main objective of this Course is to inculcate in the law students, the professional ethics, explore bar and bench relations and accountancy for lawyers, before they venture into the practical legal world. The Course encompasses various practical aspects of law practice for the future legal professionals

#### **Course Outcomes:**

1. To understand the practical aspects of the legal profession
2. To recognise and adopt the professional ethical practices in legal profession
3. To analyse and interpret the various legislations and judicial decisions of courts and decisions of disciplinary committees of Bar Council of India
4. To understand as to how to maintain Bar and Bench relations to become a complete legal professional
5. To understand the emerging trends and practices of legal profession and accountancy.

**UNIT-I:** Introduction to Law and Legal Profession; Meaning and necessity of Professional Ethics; Legal Ethics; Right to practice - a right or privilege; Constitutional guarantee under article 19(1)(g) and its scope.

**UNIT-II:** Advocacy- Seven lamps of Advocacy; Admission & Enrolment of Advocate, Bar Councils: Essential features of Advocate Act, 1961; Admission and Enrolment of Advocates, Disqualification for enrolment of Advocates, Right to Practise, Conduct of Advocates and Disciplinary Proceedings, State Bar Councils - Organization, Powers and Functions, Bar Council of India - Organization, Powers and Functions

**UNIT-III:** Legal Profession- Ethics, Punishment for Professional or other Misconduct: Ethics of Legal Profession, Law and Morality, Bar Council Code of Ethics, Standards of Professional Conduct and Etiquette -Advocate duties to the Court, Client, Opponent and colleagues, Duty to render Legal Aid and other duties,; Professional Misconduct, Negligence and Professional misconduct, Lawyers and the Consumer Protection Act, Punishment for- Disciplinary Committees of State Bar Councils and BCI, Complaint against Advocate -Procedure -Remedies - Review- Appeal

**UNIT-IV:** Bench and Bar Relations; Bench and Bar Relations - Principles of Judicial Ethics & Conduct; Contempt of Court Act, 1971, Civil and Criminal Contempt – Defences, Constitutional validity of Contempt Law, Contempt by Lawyers, Contempt by Judges & Magistrates and State; Punishment for Contempt

**UNIT-V:** Accountancy for Lawyers-Management of time, human resources, office, etc, Accountancy knowledge for lawyers like evidentiary aspects, interpreting financial accounting statements in the process of lawyering etc; Nature and functions of accounting, important branches of accounting. Accounting and Law, Use of Globalization of Legal Services & Accountancy: Impact of Globalization on Legal Profession Multi-Disciplinary Practice of Law, International Trade in Legal services, WTO- Entry of Foreign Law firms in India, Accountancy in Lawyers office/firm; Single Entry; Professional tax, Service tax and Advocate Welfare Fund.

#### **Text Books:**

1. Mr. Krishnamurthy Iyer's book on "Advocacy"
2. Raju Ramachandran, Professional Ethics for Lawyers-Changing Profession, Changing Ethics, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, LexisNexis, 2014

3. Samaraditya Pal, *The Law of Contempt-Contempt of Courts and Legislatures*, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, LexisNexis, 2012
4. *The Bar Council Code of Ethics*