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EXAMINATION PAPER

MODULE CODE : LLB 504

MODULE TITLE : PROFESSIONAL LEGAL ETHICS (2)

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

DURATION : 3 HOURS

LEVEL : 5.2

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

- i. Answer any 4 Questions.
- ii. The paper carries 100 MARKS

QUESTION 1

Discuss the desirable attributes and attitude of prosecutors in the context of the following statement:-

“The object of the criminal justice system is to achieve justice.” 25 marks

QUESTION 2

a) Discuss the independence of the legal profession (including the judiciary and State counsel and its importance to both the profession and the public.

15 marks

b) Identify and explain the provisions of the Legal Practitioners Act [Chapter 27:07] that underpin the independence of registered legal practitioners.

10 marks

QUESTION 3

a) What is the rationale for the prohibition against outing, advertising and tendering to provide legal services by legal practitioners? 15 marks

b) So may a legal practitioner market his/her services? 10 marks

QUESTION 4

“Integrity is the fundamental quality of any person who seeks to practice as a member of the legal profession”. Canadian Bar Association Code of Conduct.

Discuss integrity as the overarching attribute of professional ethics for legal practitioners. 25 marks

QUESTION 5

- a) What are trust funds held by a law firm?
- b) How soon must trust money be deposited with a law firm's bank?
- c) In what event is a legal practitioner obliged to pay out trust monies?
- d) How often is a law firm obliged to extract a list of credit balances in respect trust accounts?
- e) How soon must a legal practitioner account to a client? 25 marks