



THE ARC OF PROFESSIONALISM

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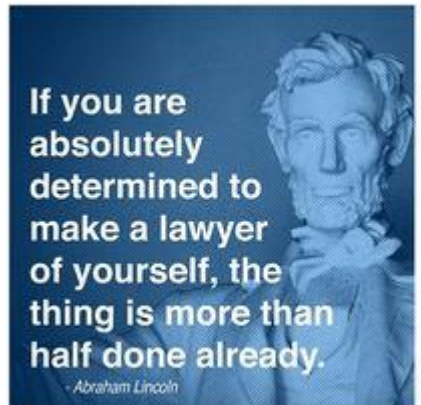
Wellness Session

- ▣ High stress at university
- ▣ Course is challenging
- ▣ This session's focus
 - Where you are
 - Who you are
 - What's in front of you
 - Professionalism
 - Mindfulness
 - Respect
 - Trust
 - Gratitude
 - Social media



On your marks...

- ▣ On – your – marks...
 - On
 - ▣ Where you are
 - ▣ Now – Stay in the moment
 - ▣ How did you get here
 - ▣ Where have you been
 - ▣ Time is ticking
 - ▣ What brought you here



If you are
absolutely
determined to
make a lawyer
of yourself, the
thing is more than
half done already.

- Abraham Lincoln

YOUR

- ▣ What is unique to you
 - Successfully enrolled
 - Self chosen path
 - Self belief – self-confidence
 - Responsible
 - Competitive
 - Clever

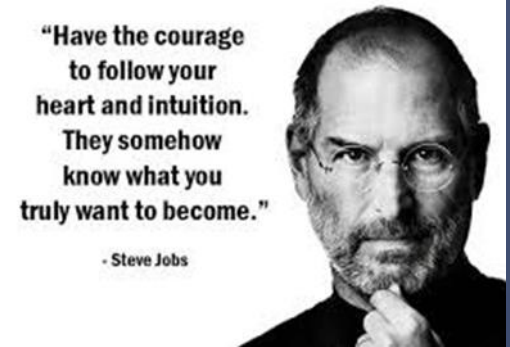
“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.” Winston Churchill



MARKS...

- ▣ Your starting blocks
 - Your time is ticking
 - Great course
 - Part of the legal profession NOW
 - Every moment counts
 - Read, think and talk
 - Be joyful
 - Doubts are common – Courage is unusual (but not amongst lawyers)

"The problem with the world is that the intelligent people are full of doubts while the stupid ones are full of confidence." Charles Bukowski



The Arc of Professionalism

- ▣ Professional
 - Identity
 - Reputation
 - Conduct
 - Respect
 - Power
 - Responsibility
- ▣ Who are Lawyers
- ▣ What's special about them – if anything



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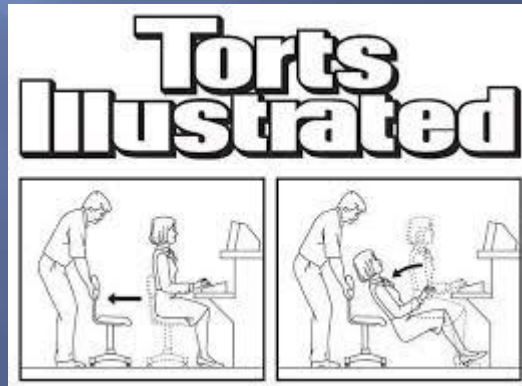
- ▣ Lawyers
 - Secret keepers
 - Problem solvers
 - Advisors
 - Advocates
 - Persuaders
 - Negotiators
 - Warriors
 - Thinkers
 - Givers



Arc of Professionalism...

- ▣ You are early legal professionals right now
- ▣ Everyone you know is aware that you are a law student
- ▣ Everyone has an expectation of you based on how they believe a lawyer should behave
- ▣ You are already part of the legal profession
- ▣ The wider legal profession contributes to your studies in many ways
- ▣ The fact that you are part of the legal profession is a great achievement
 - It is also an honour
 - It is also a responsibility
 - ▣ Self
 - ▣ Peers
 - ▣ University
 - ▣ Profession

What kind of lawyer do you want to be?



The Arc of Professionalism...

- ▣ Probono work
 - Generosity
 - Compassion
 - Kindness
 - Patience

DISCOURAGE LITIGATION.
PERSUADE YOUR NEIGHBORS
TO COMPROMISE WHENEVER
YOU CAN. AS A PEACEMAKER
THE LAWYER HAS SUPERIOR
OPPORTUNITY OF BEING A
GOOD MAN. THERE WILL
STILL BE BUSINESS ENOUGH.

Abraham Lincoln

quotes.com



“It’s better to be more generous than you have to be - than less generous than you could be.” Abdi Aden

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/life/weekend-australian-magazine/somalian-refugee-abdi-aden-tells-his-story-of-survival/story-e6frg8h6-1227356489843>

Professional Identity

- ▣ Professional associations and groups based on your areas of interest
- ▣ Community action groups
- ▣ Student associations & action groups
- ▣ Associate members & Student members
- ▣ Active in community legal services – WLS, Caxton, QPILCH, RAILS, QAI, Sisters Inside...
- ▣ UQ Probono Centre
- ▣ Research assistance
- ▣ Internships/Clerkships
- ▣ Overseas study opportunities
- ▣ Scholarships

Social Media – Take care...

- ▣ Online presence = Digital baggage
- ▣ Issues of privacy
- ▣ Your reputation is vital to your professional success



Social Media

Facebook

Twitter

My Space

Linked in

You Tube

Blogger

Flickr



Before you post...

- Online social media has challenged the concepts of “public” and “private”
- Professional boundaries (“friends” – colleagues, clients, acquaintances)
- What is the destiny of the data?
 - * How much control do you have over the information once you post it?
- Are your privacy settings adequate?
- What about your “friends” privacy settings?
- Are you maintaining professional standards online?
 - * are you familiar with your employer’s media/internet usage policy?
 - * does your professional regulator have a “social media” guideline/policy?
 - * one moment of rashness could have unintended consequences – not only for you

Used by prospective employers...

- ▣ Cyber-vetting in Recruitment
 - How large is your online footprint
 - What does it say about you
 - Do you always have a glass in your hand?
- ▣ Increased use of “Google” search and other social media searches in recruitment and scholarship / post graduate entry decisions
- ▣ Considerations:-
 - * privacy principles – collection/use
 - * discrimination



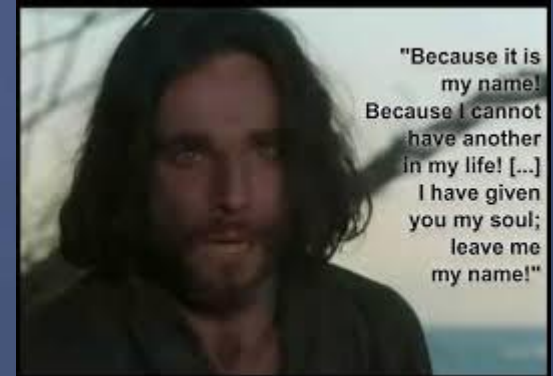
Professional Reputation – You are Your Name

▣ Core of Identity

- Your name
 - ▣ Earned by conduct and character
- Also what others imagine you to be

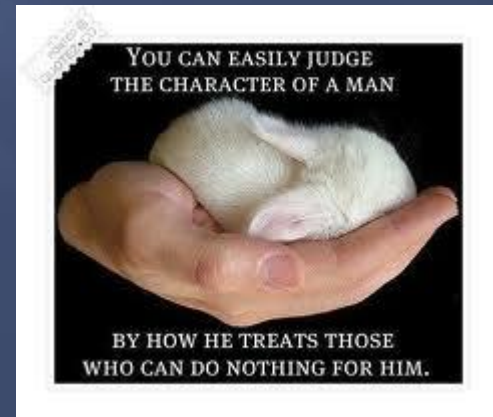
▣ The Crucible

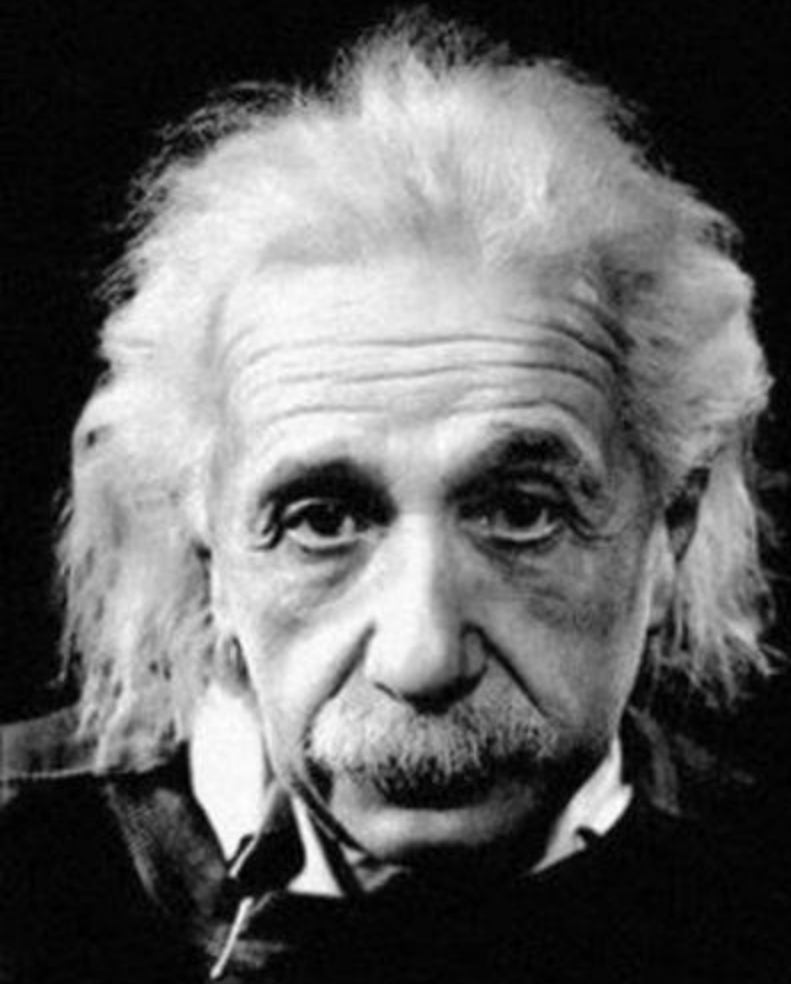
- John Proctor refuses to sign a false confession,
 - ▣ *"Because it is my name, Because I cannot have another in my life, Because I lie and sign myself to lies, Because I am not worth the dust on the feet of them that hang. How may I live without my name. I have given you my soul – leave me my name"*



Professionalism

- ▣ Always respectful and polite
- ▣ Constant learning
- ▣ Go to court - Attend and observe
- ▣ Introduce yourself to lawyers
- ▣ Ask questions
- ▣ Follow up





"Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid."

-Albert Einstein

??? Questions ???

