Law and Poverty Spring 2006: Expectations of Teacher Bill Quigley

You can reach me in the Loyola Law Clinic, the best time to catch me is the afternoon. The best way to see me is just stop by there until you find me or leave a note and I will get back to you by phone. The best phone number at Loyola is 861-5591. Fax is 861-5440. My home number has not worked since August but when it does it is 861-2709. You can also reach me by internet at quigley@loyno.edu

I will treat you like people who will soon be vigorous, ethical legal advocates. I ask you to treat me and each other with respect. The subject matter of this class is one about which people have many differing opinions and can even be controversial. Lawyers must be able to respectfully and vigorously disagree with each other without being disagreeable, to be assertive without being aggressive. I ask for and expect respectful disagreement in this class.

I expect you to be prepared for each class. You have the right to expect the same from me. I will add or subtract from a student's grade, up to a full letter grade, for class participation and have done so in every semester so far.

I expect to start on time and end the class on time. If you come into class late you should write out an explanation of why you were late and turn it in to me at the end of class.

If you are interested in writing a paper or doing a project for the class pick up a copy of the information sheet on writing papers or doing a project for my class. It will also be posted on my web site.

Good luck. Every time I teach I learn more about the subject matter from my students. I look forward to learning with you.

Society as a whole, acting through public and private institutions, has the moral responsibility to enhance human dignity and protect human rights. In addition to the clear responsibility of private institutions, government has an essential responsibility in this area. This does not mean that government has the primary or exclusive role, but it does have a positive moral responsibility in safeguarding human rights and ensuring that the minimum conditions of human rights are met for all.

National Conference of Catholic Bishops, Pastoral Letter on Catholic Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy xi (1986)