# UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW HONOR BOARD EXAMPLES OF RECENT HONOR CODE CASES

## **VIOLATING EXAM INSTRUCTIONS**

Summer 2011

**Allegation**: Complaint alleged that the student left an exam room with a copy of the exam question and the scantron answer sheet. Student returned the exam materials.

**Result**: Violation of Honor Code. Student received confidential warning and full letter reduction in course grade. Sanctions reflect opinion that student did not intentionally take the exam materials from the room and that student did not alter her answer sheet.

Report to the Bar? Yes.

#### Fall 2010

**Allegation**: Complaint alleged that the student cheated on a final exam by using a laptop computer to access the internet when use of computers was specifically forbidden by the professor.

**Result**: Violation of Honor Code. Student received XF in course (failure as a result of Honor Code violation) and student sent public letter of apology to class.

Report to the Bar? Yes.

# Spring 2009

**Allegation**: Complaint alleged that two students collaborated on a take-home exam, copying each other's work and turning it in as their own.

**Result**: Finding of Honor Code Violation. Both students received XF in course (failure as a result of Honor Code violation).

Report to the Bar? Yes

## Spring 2009

**Allegation**: Complaint alleged that student continued to work on an exam (on laptop) after the proctor called time.

**Result**: Finding of Honor Code Violation. Student received a full letter grade reduction in the course.

Report to the Bar? Yes

## **DISHONESTY AND ALTERING A PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

#### Summer 2009

**Allegation**: Complaint alleged that student fabricated an excuse for missing a scheduled academic commitment for a Mediation Skills class and altered the date on a public record to support the excuse.

**Result**: Finding of Honor Code Violation. Student received XF in course (failure as a result of Honor Code violation) and student was prohibited from participating in clinic without disclosure of violation

Report to the Bar? Yes.

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## **COPYING ANOTHER STUDENT'S WORK**

#### Fall 2011

**Allegation**: Complaint alleged that the student copied the work of his partner and submitted it as his own on a writing assignment.

**Result**: Matter was dismissed. Student was deemed credible and assignment instructions were ambiguous.

**Report to the Bar?** Yes, as a dismissed matter.

### Spring 2011

**Allegation**: Complaint alleged that the student copied answers from a classmate's scantron (multiple choice) sheet during the final examination.

**Result**: Violation of Honor Code. Student received XF in course (failure as a result of Honor Code violation) and was suspended for one semester.

Report to the Bar? Yes.

# Spring 2010

**Allegation**: Complaint alleged that the student plagiarized portions of a class assignment by copying a letter assignment from another.

**Result**: Dismissed. **Report to the Bar?** Yes.