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I am a professor of law and director for a center on legal ethics. I also write in this area. Professor Wendel's book provides a clear and compelling argument (with which I disagree in key respects) about how legal theory applies to legal ethics. Anyone interested in an introduction to the subject would do well to read this book, as would any scholar writing in the area. Few scholars are as thoughtful, sincere, and open-minded as Professor Wendel, which comes through time and again in the pages of this work.
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Lawyer Ethics
The author is oblivious to the following self-evident truisms, and will not even understand why they are being brought up.
1) The profession is in utter failure in every single self-stated goal of every law subject. Name a law subject, and one can document utter failure. The duty to provide adequate service in the essential utility of the rule of law is nowhere getting carried out.
2) Human self regulation is impossible.
3) The lawyer profession is structured and managed like a criminal cult enterprise (CCE). Its sole success is in rent seeking, a synonym for armed robbery. It has supernatural doctrines as central doctrines. None can shown to exist in nature. It there fore has to indoctrinate modern students without their consent into obeying the hierarchy of the CCE.
4) The profession takes in a \$trillion and returns little of any value. It also destroys or deters \$10 trillion a year in economic growth or activity by its immoral self-dealing.
5) Only 4 of the many good Rules of Conduct are ever enforced, and only when the complaint is filed by a member of the hierarchy, a judge.
6) The profession has absolute legal immunity from any accountability to the public. That immunity is self-dealt.
The profession is among the worst of any society. The legal system of Sierra Leone may be better and less damaging than that of this country. Nor is there any legal recourse because the hierarchy of the CCE makes 99% of policy decision of the 3 branches of our government.

Even lawyers who obey the law often seem to act unethically--interfering with the discovery of truth, subverting justice, and inflicting harm on innocent people. Standard arguments within legal ethics attempt to show why it is permissible to do something as a lawyer that it would be wrong to do as an ordinary person. But in the view of most critics these arguments fail to turn wrongs into rights. Even many lawyers think legal ethics is flawed because it does not accurately describe the consider ...