The Professionalism Series is named for Louis F. Bartelt, Jr., who was associated with the Law School for over forty years as a graduate, faculty member, and dean. Dean Bartelt was a model of dignity and integrity to generations of law students and had the highest expectations of them, both inside and outside the classroom.

All J.D. students at Valparaiso University Law School are subject to a professionalism education requirement, similar to the continuing legal education requirements they will encounter in practice. The purpose of this requirement is to build upon classroom efforts to communicate the values and ideals of the legal profession to students during the formation of their professional identities.

The Office of Student Services has established the Professionalism Series of programs, which are designed to reinforce the values and ideals of the legal profession taught in the classroom. General topics for these programs will include, but not be limited to: legal ethics, professional judgment, the practice of law, wellness, substance abuse, diversity, communication skills, and networking.

To meet the professionalism education requirement, both full and part-time students must attend at least one (1) program of their choice from the Professionalism Series each semester they are enrolled at the School of Law until they have attended six (6) Professionalism Series events. Students in the accelerated J.D. program must attend two (2) Professionalism Series events during their last semester in order to satisfy this requirement. Part-time students are only required to attend Professionalism Series events during the first six (6) semesters they are enrolled, though they are encouraged to continue attending these events until graduating.
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