

**Why is the STEPPS program being paused?**

The STEPPS program is being paused due to the recent departures from CWSL of longtime STEPPS director Professor Tim Casey and longtime STEPPS administrator Taline Helwajian. Before deciding to pause the program, we considered a number of options, but ultimately determined that the current option is the only workable solution given the complex and unique nature of the program. We are confident that the solution we arrived at will give our students a comprehensive understanding of the Professional Responsibility rules usually covered in STEPPS.

**What coursework will 2L students take instead of STEPPS?**

During the 2023-24 academic year, 2L students will take a required, 3-unit Professional Responsibility course covering the rules, responsibilities, and goals of the legal profession. The course will familiarize students with the material tested on the Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam (MPRE) as well as common ethical dilemmas confronted by lawyers. The Professional Responsibility class will meet the graduation requirement previously fulfilled by STEPPS.

**Who will teach the required, 3-unit Professional Responsibility course?**

Visiting Associate Professor David King, who has taught in Loyola Law School's Ethical Lawyering program, will teach Professional Responsibility at CWSL during the 2023-24 academic year. He will teach two sections of Professional Responsibility in the Fall 2023 term and two sections in the Spring 2024 term. Those classes will be scheduled during the time slots previously reserved for the STEPPS large lectures. If you are enrolled in STEPPS for the Fall 2023 term, you will automatically be enrolled in the Professional Responsibility class that will meet at the same time as your currently scheduled STEPPS class. If you are currently on the waitlist for STEPPS, you will be automatically moved to the waitlist for the Professional Responsibility class. You will see the updates on your schedule in the student portal by the end of the day on Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Will the STEPPS small sections be held?**

No. There will be no small sections associated with the Professional Responsibility course. The law school has reduced the required EXP credit for graduation by one credit. CWSL 2L students who take the 3-unit Professional Responsibility class will only be required to take 10 EXP units, not the 11 EXP units usually required. Nonetheless, all students will still need to complete 90 units of coursework in order to graduate. Please reach out to Academic Achievement, [academicachievement@cwsl.edu](mailto:academicachievement@cwsl.edu), if you would like to review your course plan considering this change.

**Will the STEPPS program continue in the future?**

A national search has been launched for a new director of the STEPPS program. The faculty, along with the new director, will determine the configuration that the STEPPS program will take after the 2023-24 academic year.