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Speaker on the Psychology of Ethical Failure · Former Attorney · Author

SIGNATURE PROGRAM FOR LAW SCHOOLS

I Was the Attorney

I Now Warn You About.

“The thing that happened to me does not begin with a crime. It begins with a story you tell yourself about why the rules, in this particular case, don’t quite apply.”

THE TALK LAW STUDENTS RARELY HEAR — BUT NEED MOST

Professional responsibility courses teach students the rules. What they rarely teach is what happens inside the mind of an attorney in the years, months, and weeks before a rule is broken.

I know those years. Those months. That moment.

I was a licensed New York attorney and CFO to one of the most powerful figures in the taxi industry. I was convicted on federal charges. I served time at MCC and Danbury Federal Prison Camp alongside eleven other attorneys.

I was not reckless. I was not indifferent. I was someone who had justified her way into each decision — someone who believed, with complete sincerity, that she was managing a complicated situation. Someone who told herself the same story that high-functioning professionals tell themselves every day.

WHAT STUDENTS TAKE FROM THIS PROGRAM

- How professional downfall actually unfolds — from the inside, not from a case study
- The specific psychological mechanism of rationalization and how it forms early in a career
- Why ‘I would never do that’ is not a protection — and may be a risk factor
- The difference between knowing the rules and understanding what tests them
- How to recognize the early pattern before it becomes irreversible

WHY THIS PROGRAM BELONGS IN A LAW SCHOOL

Law students are trained to analyze what went wrong after the fact. This program gives them something rarer: direct access to the interior of the experience — the pressure, the

rationalization, the denial that looked like confidence — before they are tested in real time.

The students who leave this talk do not just know more about professional responsibility. They understand, at a deeper level, what they are actually capable of. That is the knowledge that protects a career.

PROGRAM DETAILS

Formats	Guest lecture · Professional responsibility class · Orientation program
Duration	60–90 minutes including Q&A
Audience	J.D. students · LL.M. students · Faculty welcome
Delivery	In-person strongly preferred
Author of	Alive Again: My Journey from Attorney to Redemption in Prison Predict Your Outcomes: How to Take Control of Your Destiny

12 attorneys. One federal prison camp. All of them believed it couldn't happen to them.

ABOUT ANDREEA PARC

Andreea Parc is a former New York attorney, federal inmate, author, and speaker. She holds an LL.M., practiced law, and served time at MCC and Danbury Federal Prison Camp following a federal conviction. Her memoir, *Alive Again*, documents the descent and the rebuilding. She speaks to law schools, bar associations, and law firms on the psychology of professional downfall — what the rules cannot teach, and what no case study can replicate.

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