Rules of Professional Conduct and Canons of Judicial Conduct

by State, & International; other pertinent links from ABA americanbar.org: 3/2021

Alabama US.AL

- **Alabama Rules of Professional Conduct**
- Alabama Ethics Opinions
- **Alabama Canons of Judicial Ethics**
- Alabama Ethics Inquiries

Alaska US.AK

- **Alaska Rules of Professional Conduct**
- Adopted Ethics Opinions
- **State of Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct**
- Advisory Opinions regarding judicial conduct starting from 1997
- Alaska Bar Association Ethics Hotline information.

Arizona US.AZ

- **Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct**
- Searchable Formal Ethics Opinions from 1985 to the present
- Arizona Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee Opinions since 1976
- **Arizona Rules of Professional Conduct**
- Arizona State Bar Ethics Hotline

Arkansas US.AR

- **Procedures of the Arkansas Supreme Court Regulating Professional Conduct of Attorneys at Law**
- **Rules of Professional Conduct**
- **Arkansas Code of Judicial Conduct**
- Arkansas Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee - Summaries of the advisory opinions since 1991 and a topical index
- Ethics Advisory Opinions of the Arkansas Bar Association

California US.CA

- **California Rules of Professional Conduct The Rules of Professional Conduct at the State Bar of California's web site.**
- California Ethics Opinions Includes the full text of the ethics opinions issued by the State Bar of California Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct since 1965.
- State Bar of California Ethics Hotline
- Los Angeles County Bar Association Ethics Opinions starting from April 1994 (#476)
- San Diego County Bar Association Formal Legal Ethics Opinions
- San Diego County Bar Association Ethics Hotline
- **California Code of Judicial Ethics**

Colorado US.CO

- Colorado Judicial Ethics Advisory Board Opinions
- **New Colorado Code of Judicial Conduct, effective July 1, 2010**
- **Colorado Rules of Professional Conduct**
- The Colorado Bar Association's Ethics Committee has lots of other useful information, including Formal Opinions Subject Index, and Formal Opinions Numbered Index (full text, since 1996)
- Colorado Bar Association Ethics Hotline

Connecticut US.CT

- **The Connecticut Rules of Professional Conduct and the Connecticut Code of Judicial Conduct are offered in the Official Connecticut Practice Book**
- Connecticut Bar Association Professional Ethics Committee

Delaware US.DE

- **Revised Delaware Judges' Code of Judicial Conduct, effective 11/1/08**
- **Delaware Rules of Professional Conduct**
- Delaware State Bar Association Ethics Opinions starting from 1989.
- Delaware Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee Opinions since 1985
- Delaware Bar Association Professional Ethics Committee

District of Columbia DC

- Disciplinary Decisions since 1979
- **District of Columbia Code of Judicial Conduct**
- **District of Columbia Rules of Professional Conduct**
- Ethics Opinions issued by the D.C. Bar Legal Ethics Committee interpreting the D.C. Rules of Professional Conduct
- D.C. Bar Legal Ethics Hotline

Florida US.FL

- **Florida Rules of Professional Conduct**
- Florida Advertising Regulation and Information
- Florida Unlicensed Practice of Law Information
- Florida Standards for Imposing Lawyer Sanctions
- Ethics Information page of the Florida Bar's Web Site has listing of ethics opinions, which includes a subject index. It also has information about the Florida Bar Ethics Hotline and procedures for receiving rulings on questions of ethics
- **Florida Code of Judicial Conduct**
- Florida Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee Opinions
- sunEthics - produced by Tim Chinaris
- Florida Bar Ethics Hotline

Georgia US.GA

- **Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct are available**
- Advisory Opinions of the State Disciplinary Board
- **Georgia Code of Judicial Conduct**
- Georgia Ethics Opinions
- Georgia Judicial Qualifications Commission Opinions
- The Office of the General Counsel operates a Lawyer Helpline for members of the State Bar of Georgia who are faced with dilemmas involving ethics issues

Hawaii US.HI

- Hawaii Supreme Court Disciplinary Board Opinions
- **Hawaii Rules of Professional Conduct**
- **Hawaii Code of Judicial Conduct**
- Disciplinary Board of the Hawai'i Supreme Court – Law Ethics Advice for Hawaii Lawyers

Idaho US.ID

- **Idaho Rules of Professional Conduct**
- **Idaho Code of Judicial Conduct**
- Idaho Ethics Advice Hotline

Illinois US.IL

- Illinois State Bar Association Ethics Opinions
- **Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct**
- Illinois Judicial Ethics Opinions since 1993
- **Illinois Code of Judicial Conduct**
- Illinois State Bar Association attorneys field queries from ISBA members
- The Illinois Supreme Court Attorney Registration & Disciplinary Commission runs an Ethics Inquiry Program to provide research assistance and guidance regarding ethics issues and the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct

Indiana US.IN

- **Indiana Rules of Professional Conduct**
- Indiana State Bar Association Legal Ethics Committee Advisory Opinions
- **Indiana Code of Judicial Conduct**
- Indiana Commission on Judicial Qualifications Advisory Opinions
- Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission Advisory Opinions

Iowa US.IA

- Iowa Ethics Opinions
- **Iowa Rules of Professional Conduct**
- **Iowa Code of Judicial Conduct (Iowa Court Rules – Chapter 51)**

Kansas US.KS

- **Revised Kansas Code of Judicial Conduct, effective 3/1/09**
- **Kansas Rules of Professional Conduct**
- Kansas Judicial Ethics Advisory Opinions
- Kansas Ethics Opinions available online only to members of the Kansas Bar Association

Kentucky US.KY

- Kentucky Ethics Opinions
- **Kentucky Rules of Professional Conduct**
- **Kentucky Code of Judicial Conduct**
- Kentucky Judicial Ethics Opinions
- Kentucky Ethics Hotline

Louisiana US.LA

- **Louisiana Rules of Professional Conduct**
- Louisiana Ethics Advisory Service and Opinions
- **Louisiana Code of Judicial Conduct**
- Louisiana State Bar Association Ethics Advisory Service

Maine US.ME

- Maine Bar Discipline Decisions
- **Maine Rules of Professional Conduct**
- Maine Board of Overseers of the Bar Ethics Opinions
- **Maine Code of Judicial Conduct**
- Maine Board of Bar Overseers Ethics Helpline

Maryland US.MD

- **Maryland Code of Judicial Conduct**
- Maryland Judicial Ethics Opinions
- **Maryland Rules of Professional Conduct**
- Maryland Ethics Opinions and Ethics Hotline available online only to members of the Maryland State Bar Association

Massachusetts US.MA

- Boston Bar Association Ethics Committee Opinions
- **Massachusetts Rules of Professional Conduct**
- Massachusetts Rules of the Board of Bar Overseers
- Massachusetts Committee on Judicial Ethics Opinions since 1989
- **Massachusetts Code of Judicial Conduct**
- Massachusetts Bar Association Ethics Opinions
- Massachusetts Bar Association Committee on Professional Ethics – Ethical Inquiries

Michigan US.MI

- **Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct are available**
- **Michigan Code of Judicial Conduct**
- Ethics Opinions are also available at the State Bar of Michigan's web site, although newcomers to the Michigan system are advised to click on "common citations" before reviewing the ethics opinions
- State Bar of Michigan Ethics Helpline, reserved for lawyers only

Minnesota US.MN

- **Minnesota Code of Judicial Conduct**
- **Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct**
- Minnesota Opinions of the Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board

Mississippi US.MS

- **Mississippi Rules of Professional Conduct**
- Mississippi Bar Ethics Opinions
- **Mississippi Code of Judicial Conduct**

Missouri US.MO

- Missouri Formal Ethics Opinions since 1996.
- Informal Advisory Opinions
- **Missouri Rules of Professional Conduct**
- **Missouri Code of Judicial Conduct**
- Missouri Supreme Court Advisory Committee Legal Ethics Counsel

Montana US.MT

- **Montana Code of Judicial Conduct**
- **Montana Rules of Professional Conduct**
- Montana Ethics Opinions
- Rules for Lawyer Disciplinary Enforcement

Nebraska US.NE

- **Nebraska Rules of Professional Conduct**
- Nebraska Ethics Opinions
- Nebraska Judicial Ethics Committee Opinions
- **Nebraska Code of Judicial Conduct**

Nevada US.NV

- **Nevada Rules of Professional Conduct**
- **Nevada Code of Judicial Conduct**
- State Bar of Nevada Standing Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct Formal Ethics Opinions
- State Bar of Nevada Ethics Hotline
- Opinions of the Nevada Standing Committee on Judicial Ethics

New Hampshire US.NH

- New Hampshire Opinions of Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics
- New Hampshire Ethics Opinions
- **New Hampshire Rules of Professional Conduct**
- **New Hampshire Code of Judicial Conduct**
- New Hampshire Ethics Advice (see “how to obtain answers”)

New Jersey US.NJ

- **New Jersey Rules of Professional Conduct**
- Opinions of the New Jersey Supreme Court's Ethics Committee
- New Jersey Code of Judicial Conduct
- New Jersey Judiciary Ethics Telephone Research Hotline

New Mexico US.NM

- New Mexico Judicial Conduct Advisory Opinions
- Lawyer's Creed of Professionalism of the State Bar of New Mexico
- **New Mexico Rules of Professional Conduct (Click on "Search New Mexico Rules"; then search "Rules " and select "16. Rules of Professional Conduct"; click OK)**
- New Mexico Advisory Ethics Opinions Summaries from 1983 - present.

New York US.NY

- Bar Association of Nassau County
- New York State Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics Opinions
- Model Code of Judicial Conduct for State Administrative Law Judges
- **New York Rules of Professional Conduct, effective 4/1/09**
- **New York Code of Judicial Conduct**
- New York Ethics Opinions issued by the New York State Bar Association Committee on Professional Ethics
- Report on Guidelines on Civility in Litigation is also available
- The Association of the Bar of the City of New York Committee on Professional and Judicial Ethic Formal Opinions starting from 1986 (#1986-7)
- The New York County Lawyers' Association Ethics Opinions
- Statement of Client Rights and Responsibilities adopted by the Administrative Board of the Courts
- The Suffolk County Bar Association Ethics Opinions
- Association of the Bar of the City of New York Ethics Hotline
- Women's Bar Association of the State of New York Ethics Hotline

North Carolina US.NC

- North Carolina Formal Advisory Opinions on Judicial Standards
- North Carolina Ethics Opinions Contains both Final and Proposed Ethics Opinions of
  the Ethics Committee of the North Carolina State Bar as adopted by the State Bar Council
- **North Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct**
- **North Carolina Code of Judicial Conduct**
- North Carolina State Bar – Obtaining Ethics Advice

North Dakota US.ND

- Code of Judicial Conduct for Administrative Law Judges
- **North Dakota Rules of Professional Conduct** and Amendments to Rule 7.1
- **North Dakota Code of Judicial Conduct**
- North Dakota Rules for Lawyer Discipline
- State Bar Association of North Dakota Ethics Committee Opinions
- State Bar Association of North Dakota – Ethics Committee

Ohio US.OH

- **Ohio Code of Judicial Conduct**
- **Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct**
- Ohio Board of Professional Conduct Advisory Opinions
- Ohio Board of Professional Conduct Ethics Hotline
- Ohio State Bar Association Ethics Committee

Oklahoma US.OK

- **Oklahoma Rules of Professional Conduct**
- The Legal Ethics Advisory Panel of the Oklahoma Bar Association prepares Advisory Opinions
- **Oklahoma Code of Judicial Conduct (Appendix 4)**
- Oklahoma Judicial Ethics Advisory Opinions
- Oklahoma Office of the General Counsel Ethics Hotline

Oregon US.OR

- Code of Ethics for Administrative Law Judges of the Office of Administrative Hearings
- **Oregon Rules of Professional Conduct**
- Oregon State Bar Ethics Opinion Library
- **Oregon Code of Judicial Conduct**
- Oregon State Bar attorneys may direct ethics questions to the General Counsel's office

Pennsylvania US.PA

- **Pennsylvania Rules of Professional Conduct**
- Philadelphia Bar Association Ethics Opinions
- Formal Opinions of the Judicial Ethics Committee of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges and Digests of Informal Opinions
- **Pennsylvania Code of Judicial Conduct**
- Pennsylvania Bar Association Ethics Hotline

Puerto Rico PR

- **Puerto Rico Canons of Professional Ethics (in Spanish)**
- **Canons of Judicial Ethics of Puerto Rico (in Spanish)**

Rhode Island US.RI

- Rhode Island Supreme Court Ethics Advisory Panel Opinions
- **Rhode Island Code of Judicial Conduct and Canons of Judicial Ethics**
- **Rhode Island Rules of Professional Conduct**

South Carolina US.SC

- **South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct** *(scroll down: Section 407)*
- South Carolina Ethics Advisory Opinions
- **South Carolina Code of Judicial Conduct at V. Rules Governing the Judiciary and Employees of the Judicial Department**
- Supreme Court of South Carolina Judicial Ethics Advisory Opinions

South Dakota US.SD

- South Dakota Judicial Qualifications Commission
- State Bar of South Dakota Ethics Opinions (not available online)
- **South Dakota Rules of Professional Conduct**
- **South Dakota Code of Judicial Conduct**
- South Dakota Bar Association Ethics Committee will provide professional opinions to members of the bar to resolve ethical questions related to prospective professional activity

Tennessee US.TN

- **Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct**
- Tennessee Judicial Ethics Opinions
- Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility Formal Ethics Opinions
- **Tennessee Code of Judicial Conduct**

Texas US.TX

- The Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism (a not-for-profit organization) offers the Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, the Opinions of the Ethics Committee of the Supreme Court, as well as other helpful information
- **Texas Code of Ethics for Legal Assistants**
- Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility of the Legal Assistants Division of the State Bar of Texas
- The Texas Lawyer's Creed -- A Mandate for Professionalism
- **Texas Code of Judicial Conduct**
- **Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct**
- Dallas Bar Association Legal Ethics Opinions from 1972 forward
- Texas Judicial Ethics Opinions
- State Bar of Texas Ethics Hotline

Utah US.UT

- **Utah Rules of Professional Conduct**
- Utah Ethics Advisory Opinions
- **Utah Code of Judicial Conduct**
- Utah Code of Judicial Conduct Annotated
- Utah Judicial Ethics Opinions since 1988
- Utah State Bar's Office of Professional Conduct's ("OPC") Ethics Hotline for Attorneys

Vermont US.VT

- **Vermont Code of Judicial Conduct**
- Vermont Bar Association Advisory Ethics Opinions
- **Vermont Rules of Professional Conduct**

Virginia US.VA

- Virginia Ethics Opinions (Summaries)
- **Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct**
- Virginia State Bar Ethics Hotline
- Virginia Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee Opinions since 1999
- Opinions of the Committee on Lawyer Advertising and Solicitation

Washington US.WA

- **Washington Rules of Professional Conduct**
- Washington Rules for Enforcement of Lawyer Conduct
- **Washington Code of Judicial Conduct (*effective January 1,2011*)**
- Washington Discipline Rules for Judges
- Washington State Bar Association Formal Ethics Opinions
- Washington Judicial Ethics Opinions
- Washington State Bar Ethics Line

West Virginia US.WV

- Code of Conduct for State Administrative Law Judges
- Legal Ethics Opinions
- **Rules of Professional Conduct**
- **West Virginia Code of Judicial Conduct**
- West Virginia Judicial Investigation Commission Index and Synopses of Advisory Opinions and Admonishments
- West Virginia State Bar Ethics Assistance (see inquiry number noted)

Wisconsin US.WI

- **Wisconsin Rules of Professional Conduct**
- Wisconsin Ethics Opinions
- **Wisconsin Code of Judicial Conduct**
- Wisconsin Judicial Conduct Advisory Committee Opinions since 1997
- Wisconsin State Bar Association Ethics Hotline (see state bar ethics consultant number at bottom of page)

Wyoming US.WY

- **Wyoming Rules of Professional Conduct**
- **Wyoming Code of Judicial Conduct**
- Wyoming State Bar Association Ethics Hotline

International – Rules of Professional Conduct

Australia

- Law Council of Australia
- Law Society of the Australian Capital Territory
- Law Society of New South Wales
- Law Society Northern Territory
- Law Society of South Australia
- Law Society of Western Australia

Canada

- Federation of Law Societies of Canada

United Kingdom

- The Bar of Northern Ireland
- Law Society of England and Wales
- Law Society of Scotland

Other

- Bar Association of Slovenia
- Bar Association of the Republic of Lithuania
- Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe
- Cyprus Bar Association
- Czech Bar Association
- Finnish Bar Association
- Icelandic Bar Association
- Japan Federation of Bar Associations
- Law Society of Hong Kong
- Law Society of Ireland
- Latvian Council of Sworn Advocates
- Malta
- New Zealand Law Society
- Norwegian Bar Association
- Polish Bar Association
- Slovak Bar Association
- Swedish Bar Association
- The Netherlands

ABA Resources – Ethics and Professional Responsibility Resources

ABA Center for CLE

- *Model Rule for Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE)*

ABA Task Force on Gatekeeper Regulation and the Profession

- *Additional resources*

Section of Antitrust Law

- *Compliance and Ethics Committee*

Section of Business Law

- *Professional Responsibility Committee*

Section of Criminal Justice

- *Ethics, Gideon and Professionalism*

Section of Dispute Resolution

- *Committee on Mediator Ethical Guidance*
- *Committee on Ethics*
- *The Code of Ethics for Arbitrators in Commercial Disputes*
- *Model Standards of Conduct for Mediators*

Section of Family Law

- *Ethics, Professionalism, and Grievance Committee*

Section of Intellectual Property Law

- Ethics and Professional Responsibility Committee

Section of International Law

- *International Anti-Money Laundering and Professional Ethics Committee*
- *Cross-Border Practice Management*

Judicial Division

- *Ethics and Professionalism Committee*
- *Model Code of Judicial Conduct for Federal Administrative Law Judges*

Section of Labor and Employment Law

- *Ethics and Professionalism Committee* / *Midwinter Meeting Papers (2002 - present)*

Law Practice Management Section

- *Section Home Page*
- Practice Management Advisors/State & Local Bar Outreach Committee
- *PMA Guide*

Senior Lawyers Division

- *Ethics and Professionalism Committee*

Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar

Legal Services Division

- *Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs*
- *Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability*

Legal Technology Resource Center

- *Legal Ethics and Technology*

Section of Litigation

- *Ethics and Professionalism Committee*
- *Handbook on Limited Scope Legal Assistance*
- *Guidelines for Conduct*

Section Officers Conference

- *Center for Professional Responsibility/Section Officers Conference (CPR/SOC) Professional Responsibility Committee*

Section of Public Contract Law

- *Professional Responsibility and Contracting Ethics Committee*

Section of Real Property, Trust and Estate Law

- *Ethics and Malpractice Committee*

Standing Committee on Amicus Curiae Briefs

Solo, Small Firm and General Practice Division

- *Ethics and Professional Responsibility Committee*

Section of State and Local Government Law

- *Ethics Committee*

Section of Taxation

- *Standards of Tax Practice Committee*

Tort, Trial and Insurance Practice Section

Young Lawyers Division

- *Ethics and Professionalism*
- *Pledge of Professionalism*

National Organizations

- *American Immigration Lawyers Association (ethics articles and publications)*
- *American Inns of Court*
- *Association of Professonal Responsibility Lawyers (APRL) , an independent national organization of lawyers concentrating in the fields of professional responsibility and legal ethics.*
- *Judicial Family Institute*
- *Model Code of Professional Responsibility for Paralegals A Model Code of Professional Responsibility for Paralegals offered by The National Federation of Paralegals Associations (NFPA).*
- *National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Ethics Opinions (NACDL)*

Center for Prosecutor Integrity

- *The National Client Protection Organization is an educational resource for the exchange of information among law client protection funds throughout the United States and Canada.*
- *National Conference of Bar Examiners*
- *The National Council of Lawyer Disciplinary Boards*
- *The National Conference of Chief Justices' National Action Plan on Lawyer Conduct and Professionalism and the Implementation Plan for the National Action Plan .*
- *The National Federation of Paralegal Associations (NPPA's) ethics resources including the Paralegal Model Code of Professional Responsibility, guidelines for ethics and disciplinary opinions, conflicts of interest and ethics application to paralegals.*
- *National Organization of Bar Counsel The National Organization of Bar Counsel (NOBC) offers a directory of Bar Counsel, general contact information, and a current developments page containing summaries of recent cases involving attorney discipline.*
- *United States Patent and Trademark Office (Code of Professional Responsibility – Section 10.20 et seq.)*