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**Model Rules & Commentary**

*Model Rules of Professional Conduct*

- Print: KF306.A65 (http://annie.wlu.edu/record=b1283097~S0)
- ABA: http://www.abanet.org/cpr/mrpc/mrpc_toc.html
- Cornell Legal Information Institute: http://www.law.cornell.edu/ethics/aba
- Westlaw: ABA-MRPC

*Annotated Model Rules of Professional Conduct*

- Print: KF305.A5 A52 2011 – Law Reserve (http://annie.wlu.edu/record=b1782372~S0)
- Westlaw: ABA-AMRPC

*ABA Compendium of Professional Responsibility Rules and Standards, 1997 –*

- Print: KF305.A92 (http://annie.wlu.edu/record=b1652267~S0)
Cases, Ethics Opinions & Disciplinary Actions

Court Cases Involving Ethics

Courts also decide cases involving ethical issues, such as malpractice and ineffective assistance of counsel. Westlaw and Lexis each have databases for such cases.

- Lexis: Legal --- Area of Law – By Topic --- Ethics --- Find Cases --- Ethics Cases, All States

  For individual states, use Legal --- Area of Law – By Topic --- Ethics --- Find Cases --- By state

- Westlaw:
  - FETH-CS (all Federal ethics cases)
    - FETH-SCT (Supreme Court cases)
    - FETH-CTA (Court of Appeals Cases)
    - FETH-DCT (District Court Cases)
  - METH-CS (all state ethics cases) For individual state, use the two-letter postal code followed by ETH-CS

Ethics Opinions

The ABA and state professional responsibility boards issue ethics opinions and advisory opinions attorneys request to determine acceptable conduct under the ethics rules. Formal ethics opinions focus on matters of general interest to the bar while informal ethics opinions focus on specific factual situations.

American Bar Association Ethics Opinions Formal Ethics Opinions, (1924-present)

- ABA: http://www.abanet.org/cpr/pubs/ethicopinions.html
- Lexis: Legal --- Area of Law – By Topic --- Ethics --- Search Ethics Opinions --- Legal Ethics Opinions --- ABA Formal Ethics Opinions (or ABA Informal Ethics Opinions)
- Westlaw: ABA-ETHOP

Informal Ethics Opinions, (1961 to 1989)

- Lexis: Legal --- Area of Law --- By Topic --- Ethics --- Search Ethics Opinions --- Legal Ethics Opinions --- ABA Informal Ethics Opinions
- Westlaw: ABA-ETHOP
State Ethics Opinions


Lexis: Legal --- Area of Law – By Topic --- Ethics --- Search Ethics Opinions --- National Reporter Ethics Opinions --- National Reporter on Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility

For ethics opinions from individual states, see

- Cornell's Legal Information Institute: http://www.law.cornell.edu/ethics/listing.html
- Legal --- Area of Law – By Topic --- Ethics --- Search Ethics Opinions --- National Reporter
- Westlaw: Topical Practice Areas --- Legal Ethics & Professional Responsibility --- Ethics Opinions

Disciplinary Actions

State professional responsibility boards issue reprimands, suspensions, and license revocations, against attorneys who violate the ethics rules. Such disciplinary actions are usually published in the state bar journals or made available through the state bar association web pages and state judicial web pages. Use the ABA directory for state bar associations to find disciplinary committee actions:

http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/migrated/cpr/regulation/directory.authcheckdam.pdf
Secondary Sources & Analysis

Texts & Treatises


- Print: KF305.A8 A23 (Current through 2008) (http://annie.wlu.edu/record=b1290995~S0)
- BNA: Online access through BNA, link on the library’s research page


- Print: KF294.A5 R473 T.D (http://annie.wlu.edu/record=b1296559~S0)
- Westlaw: REST-LGOVL


- Print: KF306.H33 1990 (http://annie.wlu.edu/record=b1321151~S0)


- Print: KF306.M667 2005 (http://annie.wlu.edu/record=b1629043~S0)


- Print: KF306.R68 2011-12 (http://annie.wlu.edu/record=b1626422~S0)
Legal Periodicals

Index to Legal Periodicals:
Use the ILP to find articles by keyword, subject ("Legal Ethics"), author, article title, or citations of cases, rules and statutes. ILP is available electronically from the Law Library’s Research page here:

http://law.wlu.edu/library/research.asp

Westlaw: ETH-TP or JLR

Legal Encyclopedias

American Jurisprudence 2d, (Am Jur) Lawyers Cooperative

Volume 7: "Attorneys at Law"

Corpus Juris Secundum (CJS), West Publishing,

Volumes 7 and 7A "Attorney and Client"

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