



PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY: RESEARCHING STATE LAWYER ETHICS RULES

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Part 2 of *Research In Professional Responsibility* sets forth sources for the full text of a jurisdiction's lawyer rules of professional conduct. It is not intended to be comprehensive. It directs the researcher to standard useful print and online resources. In those cases where the resources listed below are not available or incomplete, the researcher should consult the *National Reporter on Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility* (volumes 1-4, 2002 edition. KF 308.A6.N38) which provides the lawyer rules of professional conduct for the fifty states.

Alabama:

- Michie's Ala. Code 1975, Rules of Supreme Court vol. 23A (and 2002 supp.)
- Lexis and Westlaw *
- <http://www.alabar.org/ogc/ropc.cfm>

Alaska:

- Alaska Stat. , Alaska Legal Ethic Opinions & Rules Governing the Legal Profession (1999 & 2000 supp.)
- Lexis and Westlaw.
- Alaska Rules Of Professional Conduct—
<http://touchngo.com/lglcntr/ctrules/profcon/htframe.htm>

Arizona:

- Ariz. Rev. Stat, Supreme Court Rules, vol.17A (2002 & supp.)
- Lexis and Westlaw
- RULE 42. Arizona Rules of Professional Conduct—
<http://www.azbar.org/FindingLawyer/rules.asp#Rule42>

Arkansas:

- Ark. Code Ann., Court Rules (2002)
- Lexis and Westlaw
- Arkansas Model Rules of Professional Conduct—
<http://courts.state.ar.us/rules/index2.html#Model>

California:

- Ann. Cal. Codes: (West), Professional Rules, vol. 23, pt. 3 (1996 & supp.)
- Lexis and Westlaw
- Rules of Professional Conduct—<http://www.calbar.ca.gov/> [click on "Attorney Resources," then "Rules and Regulations," then "California Rules of Professional Conduct"]

Colorado:

- Colo. Rev. Stat., Court Rules (with 2002 supp.)
- Lexis and Westlaw
- Colorado Rules of Professional Conduct—
<http://www.cobar.org/static/comms/ethics/rulesprof/rulprofc.htm>

Connecticut:

- Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. , Connecticut Rules of Court-State (not available in Law Library)
- Lexis and Westlaw
- <http://www.jud.state.ct.us/forms/rules.pdf>

Delaware:

- Del. Code Ann., Delaware Rules Annotated, vol..2 (2003)
- Lexis and Westlaw
- <http://courts.state.de.us/supreme/bbmc/delawyers.pdf>

District of Columbia:

- D.C. Code, D.C. Court Rules Annotated vol. 1 (2000)
- Lexis and Westlaw
- http://www.dcbar.org/for_lawyers/ethics/legal_ethics/rules_of_professional_conduct/index.cfm#board

Florida:

- Fla. Stat. Ann., Bar and Judiciary Rules, vol. 35 (1994 & 2003 supp.)
- Lexis and Westlaw
- <http://www2.law.cornell.edu/cgi-bin/foliocgi.exe/Fl-code>

Georgia:

- Ga. Code, Georgia Rules of Court Annotated (not available in Law Library)
- Lexis and Westlaw.
- <http://www.gabar.org/partiv.asp>

Hawaii:

- Hawaii Rev. Stat. Ann. , Court Rules Annotated (2002) (not available in Law Library)
- Lexis and Westlaw.
- <http://www.state.hi.us/jud/hrpcond.htm>

Idaho:

- Idaho Rules of Professional Conduct (not available in Law Library)
- Lexis and Westlaw
- [http://www2.law.cornell.edu/cgi-bin/fofiocgi.exe/rpc-idaho/query=*/doc/\[t1\]](http://www2.law.cornell.edu/cgi-bin/fofiocgi.exe/rpc-idaho/query=*/doc/[t1])

Illinois:

- West's Smith-Hurd Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. , Supreme Court Rules- Miscellaneous Rules , (and 2000 supp.).
- Lexis and Westlaw
- http://www.state.il.us/court/SupremeCourt/Rules/Art_VIII/ArtVIII.htm

Indiana:

- Burns Ind. Stat. Ann. , Indiana Court Rules Annotated, vol. 2 (2003),
- Lexis and Westlaw
- http://www.in.gov/judiciary/rules/prof_conduct/index.html

Iowa:

- Iowa Code Ann., Iowa Rules of Court-State and Federal vol. 57J
- Lexis and Westlaw
- <http://www.legis.state.ia.us/Rules/2002/court/gna1.pdf>

Kansas:

- Kan. Stat. Ann., Kansas Court Rules and Procedure-State and Federal
- Lexis and Westlaw
- <http://www.kscourts.org/ctruls/atrul226.htm>

Kentucky:

- Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann., Kentucky Rules Annotated (1999 & supp)
- Lexis and Westlaw
- http://www.kybar.org/SCR/scr_3_130_KRPC.htm

Louisiana:

- La. Rev. Stat., Louisiana Rules of Court—State (2002)
- Lexis and Westlaw
- http://www.lsba.org/Legal_Library/rules_of_professional_conduct.html

Maine:

- Me. Rev. Stat. Ann., Maine Rules of Court-State (2002)
- Lexis and Westlaw.
- http://www.mebaroverseers.org/PDF/Code_of_Professional_Responsibility.pdf

Maryland:

- Ann. Code Md., Maryland Rules, vol. 2 (2003)
- Lexis and Westlaw
- [http://www2.law.cornell.edu/cgi-bin/fofiocgi.exe/md-code/query=*/doc/\[t2\]](http://www2.law.cornell.edu/cgi-bin/fofiocgi.exe/md-code/query=*/doc/[t2])

Massachusetts:

- Mass. Gen. Laws Ann., Massachusetts Rules of Court—State (2002)
- Lexis and Westlaw.
- http://www.massbar.org/article.php?c_id=64&vt=2

Michigan:

- Mich. Comp. Laws, Michigan Rules of Court—State (2002)
- Lexis and Westlaw
- <http://www.michbar.org> [click on "opinions," then "ethics opinions," then "Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct" under "Ethics Rules"]

Minnesota:

- Minn. Stat. Ann., Minnesota Court Rules, vol. 52 (1993), (and 2002 supp.)
- Lexis and Westlaw
- <http://www.courts.state.mn.us/lprb/conduct.html>

Mississippi:

- Miss. Code Ann., Mississippi Rules of Court—State and Federal (2002)
- Lexis and Westlaw.
- <http://www.msllawyer.com/mssc/profcond.html>

Missouri:

- Mo. Ann. Stat., Missouri Court Rules vol. 1
- Lexis and Westlaw.
- <http://www.courtrules.org/> [click on “Missouri rules governing the Missouri bar and judiciary” under “Missouri rules”]

Montana:

- Mont. Code Ann., Annotations vol. 12, Constitution (2000) (not available in Law Library)
- Lexis and Westlaw.
- <http://montanabar.org/> [click on "Attorney Rules and Regulations," then "Rules of Professional Conduct"]

Nebraska:

- Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann., Nebraska Rules of Court Annotated (2002)
- Lexis and Westlaw
- <http://www.nebar.com/legalresources/code/index.htm>

Nevada:

- Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann., Court Rules Annotated (2003)
- Lexis and Westlaw
- <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/CourtRules/SCR.html#SCRRule150> [scroll down to Rule 150 et seq.]

New Hampshire:

- N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann., New Hampshire Court Rules Annotated (2001-2002)
- Lexis and Westlaw
- <http://www.courts.state.nh.us/rules/pcon/index.htm>

New Jersey:

- N.J. Rev. Stat. Ann., New Jersey Rules of Court-State (2002)
- Lexis and Westlaw
- <http://www.njlawnet.com/nj-rpc/>

New Mexico:

- N.M. Stat; Ann., New Mexico Rules Annotated, vol. 2 (2003)
- Lexis and Westlaw.
- <http://www.michie.com> [under "choose jurisdiction," select New Mexico, then "statutes", then "contents of judicial volumes," then "rules of professional conduct"]

New York:

- N. Y. Cons. Laws Ann. (McKinney), New York Rules of Court, State (2003)
- Lexis and Westlaw.
- <http://www2.law.cornell.edu/cgi-bin/foliocgi.exe/Ny-code?>

North Carolina:

- Gen. Stat N.C. Ann., North Carolina Rules of Court (2002)
- Lexis and Westlaw
- <http://www.aoc.state.nc.us/www/public/aoc/barrules.html>

North Dakota:

- N.D. Century Code Ann., North Dakota Court Rules Annotated (2002-03)
- Lexis and Westlaw.
- <http://www.court.state.nd.us/Rules/Conduct/frameset.htm>

Ohio:

- Page's Ohio Rev. Code Ann., Ohio Rules of Court (2002)
- Lexis and Westlaw
- <http://www.sconet.state.oh.us/Rules/professional>

Oklahoma:

- Okla. Stat. Ann., Oklahoma Court Rules and Procedure—State (2003)
- Lexis and Westlaw
- <http://www.oscn.net/applications/oscn/index.asp?ftdb=STOKRUPR&level=1=>

Oregon:

- Oregon Code of Professional Responsibility (Rules)
- Lexis and Westlaw
- <http://www.osbar.org/2practice/rulesregs/cpr.htm>

Pennsylvania:

- Pa. Cons. Stat. Ann., Pennsylvania Rules of Court—State (2003)
- Lexis and Westlaw
- <http://www2.law.cornell.edu/cgi-bin/foliocgi.exe/Pa-code?>

Rhode Island:

- Gen. Laws of R.I., Rhode Island Court Rules Annotated (2001)
- Lexis and Westlaw
- http://www2.law.cornell.edu/cgi-bin/foliocgi.exe/ri-code/query=*/doc/{t2}?

South Carolina:

- Code of Laws of S. C. Ann., Court Rules: Appellate Court Rules, vol. 22A (1976), (and 2002 supp.)
- Lexis and Westlaw
- http://www.scbar.org/Rules_of_conduct/rules_of_conduct.htm

South Dakota:

- S.D. Codified Laws, vol. 7A (1995), (and 2001 supp.)
- Lexis and Westlaw
- <http://legis.state.sd.us/statutes/index.cfm?FuseAction=DisplayStatute&txtStatute=16-18-999.99&FindType=Statute>

Tennessee:

- Tenn. Code Ann., Tennessee Court Rules Annotated, vol. 2 (2002)
- Lexis and Westlaw
- http://www.tsc.state.tn.us/opinions/tsc/rules/TNRulesOfCourt/06supct1_9.htm#8

Texas:

- Vernon's Texas Codes Ann., Government Code, vol. 3A (1998), (and 2003 supp.)
- Lexis and Westlaw
- http://www.txethics.org/reference_rules.asp?view=conduct

Utah:

- Utah Code Ann., Utah Court Rules Annotated (2002)
- Lexis and Westlaw.
- http://www.utahbar.org/rules/html/professional_conduct.html

Vermont:

- Vt. Stat. Ann., Admin. Orders & Rules (1999), (and 2002 supp.)
- Lexis and Westlaw
- <http://www.state.vt.us/courts/rules/modelrules.pdf>

Virginia:

- Code of Va. Ann., Rules of Virginia Supreme Court, vol. 11 (2002)
- Lexis and Westlaw
- <http://www.vsb.org/profguides/rules.pdf>

Washington:

- Wash. Rev. Code Ann., Washington Court Rules-State (2003)
- Lexis and Westlaw.
- <http://www.courts.wa.gov/rules/list.cfm?group=ga&set=RPC>

West Virginia:

- W. Va. Code Ann., State Court Rules (2003)
- Lexis and Westlaw.
- <http://www.wvbar.org/BARINFO/rulesprofconduct/index.htm>

Wisconsin:

- Wis. Stat. Ann., Wisconsin Court Rules and Procedure—State (2003)
- Lexis and Westlaw
- http://www.courts.state.wi.us/supreme/sc_rules.asp

Wyoming:

- Wyo. Stat. Ann., Wyoming Court Rules Annotated (2002)
- Lexis and Westlaw
- <http://courts.state.wy.us/RULES/Professional Conduct for Attorneys.html>

*** A Note On Lexis and Westlaw online resources.**

Westlaw's *Legal Ethics & Professional Responsibility* database provides customized files for direct access to a jurisdiction's lawyer rules of professional conduct. The researcher is advised to read the scope notes for each jurisdiction for information about contents and searching methods. For further information please consult the Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility topic in the print *Westlaw Database Directory* or call 1-800-Westlaw. See also the *National Reporter on Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility*, volumes 1 -4, 2002 edition. KF 308.A6.N38.

The Lexis Ethics Library provides group files for access to state court rules. The lawyer ethics rules are not separated from the other court rules and do not exist as a separate searchable file. For further information please consult the Ethics Library in the print LexisNexis Directory of Online Services or call customer support at 1-800-543-LEXIS. For access to other lawyer ethics and professional responsibility resources available in print and online see the library's pathfinder entitled: "Research In Professional Responsibility, Part 1"

ALTERNATIVE ACCESS TO STATE RULES OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

American Bar Association's Center for Professional Responsibility

- <http://www.abanet.org/cpr/links.html>

Findlaw.com

- <http://www.findlaw.com/01topics/14ethics/bars.html>

Legal Information Institute of Cornell University—American Ethics Library

This site sets out the codes or rules that set the professional standards for lawyers throughout the fifty states.

- <http://www.law.cornell.edu/ethics/>

This site not only contains the codes or rules of the fifty states, it also contains the ABA model provisions for comparison.

Legalethics.com

- <http://www.legalethics.com/ethics.law>

This is a website that also contains links to the rules or codes of the fifty states in addition to other legal ethics materials