



## PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY: A RESEARCH GUIDE

### I. GENERAL

#### Books

##### [ABA/BNA Lawyers' Manual on Professional Conduct](#)

Location: Compact Shelving, KF 305 A8 A23

In-depth treatment of all the ethical issues facing attorneys. The book is divided topically, with specific examples drawn from various jurisdictions. Separate volumes contain the full text of ABA formal ethics opinions dating back to 1986.

##### [Legal Malpractice](#) / Ronald E. Mallen and Jeffrey M. Smith

Location: Compact Shelving, KF 313 M29 2006

One of the best treatises on attorney liability, discipline, and risk management. In addition to ethical theories, this treatise discusses malpractice litigation, damages, and insurance.

##### [Restatement \(Third\) of the Law Governing Lawyers](#)

Location: Reference, KF 300 R469 2000

Like all Restatements, analyzes the common-law aspects of professional conduct, civil and criminal. Offers commentary and cases from all jurisdictions to support black letter rules.

##### [Lawyer Law](#) / Thomas D. Morgan

Location: Compact Shelving, KF 306 M667 2005

Compares the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct with the Restatement (Third) of the Law Governing Lawyers.

**Note:** To find other treatises on attorney ethics and conduct, search the library [catalog](#). Most titles will be in the [KF 306](#) range.

#### Web Sites

##### **ABA Center for Professional Responsibility**

<http://www.abanet.org/cpr/>

Links to the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct, formal ethics opinions, news, and other resources.

**Note:** Also links to rules of conduct and ethics opinions for **all 50 states**. (See <http://www.abanet.org/cpr/links.html#States>).

##### **LegalEthics.com**

<http://www.legalethics.com>

Comprehensive blog on attorney ethics, specializing in the use of technology in legal practice. Topics include attorney-client privilege, marketing, e-mail, chat, metadata, lawyer referral services, and spam.



**American Legal Ethics Library**

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

Part of the Legal Information Institute at Cornell University. Offers analysis and primary sources related to the law governing lawyers in 22 jurisdictions. Also links to a special [report](#) on multidisciplinary practice and law firm operation.

**II. NORTH CAROLINA**

**[North Carolina Rules of Court](#)**

Location: Reference, KFN 7929 A195

**Rules of Professional Conduct**

<http://www.ncbar.com/rules/rpcsearch.asp>

**Ethics Opinions**

<http://www.ncbar.com/ethics/>

**Discipline**

<http://www.ncbar.com/discipline/>

**Note:** To find NC Supreme Court opinions in disciplinary cases, go to [Westlaw](#) or [LexisNexis](#), find a database of NC cases, and search for terms such as “disbarred,” “suspended,” “censured,” or “attorney and disciplinary.”

**III. SOUTH CAROLINA**

**[South Carolina Rules of Court](#)**

Location: Reference, KFS 2330.5 S6 A792

**Rules of Professional Conduct**

<http://www.sccourts.org/courtReg/index.cfm>

**Ethics Advisory Opinions**

[http://www.scbar.org/member\\_resources/ethics\\_advisory\\_opinions/](http://www.scbar.org/member_resources/ethics_advisory_opinions/)

**Discipline**

[http://www.scbar.org/public\\_services/lawline/](http://www.scbar.org/public_services/lawline/)

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