

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURES FOR JUDICIAL
DISCIPLINE

FORMED: 01/01/1977

The Special Committee on Procedures for Judicial Discipline shall review legislation relating to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct and the rules, procedures, and performance of the commission. It shall receive and consider information, complaints, with respect to the operation of the commission; it shall also consider proposals for the improvement of the procedures relating to judicial discipline, and make recommendations thereon. After such investigation and study, including holding of hearings, as it shall consider appropriate.

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COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL ETHICSFormed: 06/01/1952

The Committee on Professional Ethics is charged with the duty of observing the ethical standards of the members of the profession. With the approval of the Executive Committee, it may take original action and may cooperate with other bar associations and federations in taking action to maintain high ethical standards among the members of the profession. In its discretion it shall make answer to inquiries as to proper conduct for a member of the legal profession in any given case if such answer shall have been adopted or authorized at a meeting of the committee and concurred in by a majority of the committee; provided that between meetings of the committee any such answer may be adopted or authorized if it be concurred in by a majority of the committee, and nonconcurring member shall have requested discussion of the question and answer at a meeting of the committee. It may publish such questions and answers in the Journal if, in its opinion, such publication would not violate the confidence of the inquiries. The terms "members of the profession" and "member of the legal profession" as used in the preceding paragraph, shall be deemed to include members of the judiciary; and the jurisdiction of the Committee on Professional Ethics shall extend to the canons of judicial ethics as well as to the code of professional responsibility.

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COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINEFormed: 06/01/1977

The Committee on Professional Discipline shall refer to the appropriate agency allegations of professional misconduct brought to its attention against any member of the bar. It shall cooperate with all grievances committees and agencies to promote the effective administration of disciplinary procedure. It shall promote uniform and effective disciplinary action by all disciplinary committees and agencies and shall recommend to the Executive Committee such changes and modification in disciplinary rules and procedures as may from time to time seem appropriate, and shall report to the House of Delegates with respect to the status of disciplinary rules, procedures and their administration throughout the state at least annually and as from time to time seems appropriate.

COMMITTEE ON ATTORNEY PROFESSIONALISMFormed: 03/01/1989

The Committee shall formulate recommendations to promote and improve professionalism throughout the Legal Profession in New York State. As part of its task the Committee should consider Pre-Legal Education, Law School Curriculum, Continuing Legal Education, Law Office Practices, Professional Ethics, support for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs and encouragement of increased Public Service and Pro Bono work. To the extent practicable, the Committee shall conduct its deliberations in close coordination with other interested Committees and Sections of the Association.

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**Mission Statement:
New York State Bar Association
Committee on Attorneys in Public Service**

The purpose of this committee shall be to bring together government and public sector lawyers (hereinafter "public service attorneys") to further their common interests and the public welfare. To this end, the Committee, alone or in cooperation with Sections and other Committees of the New York State Bar Association ("NYSBA"), and such other bar associations or related organizations as may be appropriate from time to time, shall:

1. promote the highest standards of professional conduct and competence, fairness, social justice, diligence and civility;
2. advocate for public service attorneys in their quest for excellence, fairness, and justice in the performance of their duties;
3. facilitate the contribution of public service attorneys as members and leaders of their communities, the legal profession and NYSBA;
4. serve as a network system for public service attorneys;
5. provide continuing legal education and resources related to the practice of public service attorneys and enhance the relevance of all NYSBA-sponsored activities and services for public service attorneys;
6. serve as a liaison to NYSBA Committees, Sections, law schools, other bar associations and related organizations;
7. encourage law schools and faculties in New York to develop and offer courses, seminars and publications regarding government practice and public service;
8. promote research of interest to public service attorneys and formulate such reports as may be deemed useful to the profession and advisable to the public interest;
9. undertake all such other activities as may be authorized from time to time by the Committee for the purpose of accomplishing the foregoing.

Adopted 2/99

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COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE CODE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITYFormed: 10/01/1992Renamed: 02/05/1999NEW NAME: Special Committee of Standards of Attorney Conduct

1. To evaluate the Code of Professional Responsibility to determine whether and to what extent amendments should be proposed thereto.
2. To formulate recommendations concerning amendment of the Code of Professional Responsibility, including appropriate textual material, for consideration by the House of Delegates, and if endorsed by that body, for submission to the Appellate Division of Supreme Court in the four judicial departments for possible adoption as part of the standards governing the professional conduct of attorneys admitted to practice in New York State.
3. To the extent practicable, the special committee shall conduct its deliberations in close coordination with other interested committees and sections of the Association.
4. The special committee shall make timely reports of the progress of its deliberations to the Executive Director and the officers of the Association and shall submit its report and recommendations to the Executive Committee and, in the advance of its consideration by the House, to members of the House of Delegates and to the local and county bar association, as requested by the President.