

What's New in the 2025-2026 Edition

In addition to reporting the latest changes to substantive disciplinary law as determined through the opinions of the Disciplinary Review Board, this year's edition of *New Jersey Attorney Discipline* has been updated and reorganized to provide a wealth of collateral resource materials that will prove to be indispensable in preparing a defense or prosecution in a disciplinary case. By way of example, every disciplinary case will require quick reference to the current Rules of Professional Conduct and the governing procedures set forth in Rule 1:20. Disciplinary presenters, especially those on the local level will need to be guided in their efforts by the Disciplinary Guidelines promulgated by the Office of Attorney Ethics. Also of vital importance are the opinions of the Advisory Committee on Professional Ethics, the opinions of which have the force and effect of law. Finally, disciplinary advocates must be able to access the latest reports related to New Jersey's disciplinary system and newly controlling precedents that are published on an annual basis by the Disciplinary Review Board and the Office of Attorney Ethics. Every one of these important resources is included in this year's volume.

The most important change in disciplinary law in decades has been the amendment to the Rules of Court which permits readmission to the practice of law by disbarred New Jersey attorneys. In conjunction with this development, the Supreme Court has issued Rule 1:20-21A which sets forth the exact procedure that applicants for readmission must follow. This new Rule and associated commentary are detailed in revised section 4:17.

In short, as in years past, the 2025-2026 volume of *New Jersey Attorney Discipline* will provide the reader with all the tools necessary to effectively advocate in either the prosecution or defense of a disciplinary matter before a local committee, a special adjudicator, the Disciplinary Review Board or the Supreme Court.

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