

**LAWYERS WHO
THINK!**

**ETHICS TRIVIA
FFA NEW LAWYERS PRESENTATION**



INTRODUCTION

THIS IS HOW WE DO IT . . .

- Break into teams of 7-10 people
- Designate a scribe
- Create team name
- Listen to questions and record answers
- No outside assistance - real lawyers think!
- One unanimous answer per question
- Swap answer sheets
- Guest judge will answer questions



GAME QUESTIONS

QUESTION NO. 1

What is the name of the body that governs ethical conduct for the District Court for the District of Colorado, and over whom does it have jurisdiction?

QUESTION NO. 2

The Colorado Rules of Professional Conduct apply to attorneys in federal court, with two exceptions. What are those two exceptions?

QUESTION NO. 3

You are a Colorado lawyer who is suspended from the practice of law in Colorado. The Office of Attorney Regulation has reinstated your license. Are you permitted to practice in federal court?

QUESTION NO. 4

An attorney has a duty to self-report to the clerk of the court in five circumstances. Name at least two (bonus points if you can name more)?

QUESTION NO. 5

You are practicing in federal court. You have repeatedly taken overly aggressive litigation positions that are unsupported under Colorado law. The judge in your case files a complaint concerning your conduct with the committee. What is the next step in the process?

QUESTION NO. 6

You are a new associate in a 15-person firm. One of the partners asks you to file a complaint in federal court asserting claims that are time-barred (by at least two years), seeks exemplary damages without any basis, and asserts sixty-four claims without any bases. You know the complaint is groundless and frivolous. However, because the partner specifically directed you to file it, you do so. Have you violated the Rules of Professional Conduct?

QUESTION NO. 7

Your client just fired you. The client has an outstanding balance with your firm. He has requested that you provide him with his file. Are you obligated to do so?

QUESTION NO. 8

You have a very busy law practice, and get over 600 emails a day. You cannot possibly respond to all them within 24 hours. Client A emailed you two weeks ago concerning her case, and you have still not responded. Have you violated the Rules of Professional Conduct, and if yes, what Rule?

QUESTION NO. 9

You did not file a client's matter within the statute of limitations. What do the Rules of Professional Conduct require you to disclose to the client?

QUESTION NO. 10

You have been billing 50 hours a week for the past six weeks. The work has included back to back depositions, and you haven't had the opportunity to adequately prepare for your client's deposition. What ethical rule, if any, are you violating?



QUESTIONS?