

Legal Ethics & Attorney Discipline

The investigation of complaints of misconduct filed against attorneys practicing law in the State of New York is entrusted by the four Appellate Divisions of the New York Supreme Court to attorney grievance committees within the respective judicial departments. These committees investigate allegations of misconduct leveled against attorneys. While the majority of these complaints are dismissed, those that are not can lead to confidential discipline and in the most serious cases censure, suspension, or disbarment. Mark S. Ochs, is the chair of Tully Rinckey PLLC's Professional Responsibility and Legal Ethics practice group. For over 30 years Mark worked for the Committee on Professional Standards of the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department. For 20 years, he served as the committee's chief attorney, overseeing complaints filed against attorneys. Don't put your legal career or your law firm at risk. Call Tully Rinckey PLLC today. We can help attorneys and law firms of any size throughout New York State by providing any of the following services:

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Why an Attorney Needs an Attorney

While an attorney who receives a letter from a grievance committee seeking a response to an allegation of misconduct may be certain that he or she has done nothing wrong, the worst thing the attorney can do is ignore or fail to fully respond to the complaint. Consulting with competent counsel, experienced in the disciplinary field can lead to a prompt disposition of the matter. In the case of a meritorious complaint, ethics counsel can help the attorney achieve the best possible outcome. Where serious misconduct is established, ethics counsel can seek to minimize the possible discipline. Tully Rinckey PLLC has upstate New York offices in Albany, Syracuse, and Buffalo, and we can represent attorneys and law firms throughout

New York State. Call us today if you've encountered an ethical or disciplinary issue. **Types of Complaints**

Complaints to a grievance committee can run the gamut from minor disputes, which may be best resolved at the county bar level, to serious allegations of misconduct. Examples of minor matters include not returning a client's phone calls and failing to timely provide billing statements. Serious misconduct may lead to the loss of one's license to practice law. Examples of such a breach include the commission of fraud or misappropriation of clients' funds. Tully Rinckey PLLC's legal ethics and discipline lawyers are available to represent lawyers and law firms throughout New York State. Call today to schedule a consultation with one of our legal ethics and discipline attorneys at 716-439-4700 or e-mail info@1888law4life.com

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