

Preventative Ethical Counseling Services

Common ethics and law practice lapses, especially in the case of solo practitioners, include: Accepting a case the attorney is not competent to handle without associating with a lawyer who is competent to handle it.

Failing to notify clients of their rights regarding the professional relationship and fees.

Failing to communicate with clients and keep them informed about the status of their case.

Not safeguarding a client's funds as required by the applicable attorney escrow rules.

Failing to cooperate with a grievance committee's investigation.

In multi-member firms or in the case of a solo practitioner who is assisted by paralegals, an attorney may be responsible for misconduct committed by another attorney in the firm or by a non-attorney employee. This is particularly so in the case of a partner who fails to act when another partner misappropriates client funds from the firm's escrow account. **Tully Rinckey PLLC's Ethical Assessment Services**

We can assist attorneys in assuring that their law practice complies with the highest ethical standards and to ensure that otherwise needless errors do not occur. We will review the firm's law practice procedures to ensure that mandated rules regarding client's rights and fees are complied with. We can also assist the firm in establishing appropriate checks for conflicts of interest, protection of clients' confidential information, and to insure that funds belonging to clients and third parties are properly maintained and protected. We can also present in-house continuing legal education programs. With offices in Albany, Syracuse, and Buffalo, Tully Rinckey PLLC's Professional Responsibility and Legal Ethics practice group can provide outside ethics counsel to 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

If you have an urgent legal matter after normal business hours, call 716-439-4700 to speak to an attorney 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The firm is responsive to the needs of current and prospective clients. We will respond to phone calls within normal business hours and e-mails within the next business day.

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