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**Introduction**

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Please contact the Law Library's Research Services librarians during their Research Services hours, or via email to research.services@law.csuohio.edu for help with locating or using any of the resources discussed in this guide.

**Recommended Resource**

- ABA/BNA lawyers' manual on professional conduct

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Ohio Professional Responsibility and Professionalism Resources

Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct

Effective Feb. 1, 2007

Supersedes the Ohio Rules of Court: Code of Professional Responsibility (See Anderson's The Law of Professional Conduct in Ohio, by L. Snyder, S. Becker, J Guttenberg).

Ohio Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism

Ohio Professional Responsibility and Professionalism Resources
Ohio Ethics Opinions

Ohio Ethics Commission

Another Ohio source for ethics information, the Ohio Ethics Commission promotes ethics in public service to strengthen the public's confidence that Government business is conducted with impartiality and integrity. The Commission has jurisdiction over Ohio's public officials and employees at the state and local levels of government, except legislators, judges, and their staffs. The Commission issues Advisory Opinions and has since 1974.

Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association: Filing a Complaint Against an Attorney

Ethics Hotline

The Ethics Hotline is available to members of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association who have questions about their own prospective conduct as it relates to the Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct. Questions may be answered by the Association's Legal Department or a member of the Ethics and Professionalism Committee.

Resources available at the Association are limited to advisory ethics opinions and ethics materials. Often times, the advisory opinions that exist are not directly on point with a question asked, but instead bear indirectly on the conduct or implicate similar provisions of the Rules of Professional Conduct. It is always suggested that members supplement these materials with their own statutory and case law research. Any information or analysis provided should be considered only as information that may factor into the member's own analysis and independent decision-making process. Members must exercise their own professional judgment in every situation.
### Court Opinions

- **Ohio Supreme Court Cases**
  Contain Supreme Court rulings on recommendations of the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline, where one can find facts concerning a disciplinary action against an attorney. Search any database containing Ohio Supreme Court opinions, or try Lexis OH Ethics Cases, or Westlaw OHETH-CS. Besides disciplinary cases, there are other cases dealing with ethics issues, such as malpractice, contempt, ineffective assistance of counsel, etc.

- **Lexis OH Ethics Cases and Westlaw**
  Also contain appellate and some trial court opinions which touch on legal ethics

### Advisory Opinions

Note that other local bar associations may issue advisory opinions.

- **Ohio Supreme Court Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline's Advisory Ethics Opinions**
- **Ohio Supreme Court Website**
  1986-current
- **Ohio State Bar Formal and Informal Opinions**
  On Casemaker, 1995-current. Casemaker Ohio Ethics Opinion database also includes Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline Advisory Opinions. Both informal and formal opinions are advisory. Formal opinions are reviewed by the entire Committee on Legal Ethics and Professional Conduct, while informal opinions are issued by a smaller subcommittee.
- **Cleveland Bar Ethics & Professionalism Committee**
- **Ohio Ethics Commission Advisory Opinions**
  Ethics for Ohio public officials and government employees
- **Commission Web Site**
  1974-present
- **Westlaw**
  1977-
- **Lexis Advance**
  Oct. 1974-present
- **Joint Legislative Ethics Committee Advisory Opinions**
  The Joint Legislative Ethics Committee serves as the ethics advisory committee for Ohio’s legislative branch of government. The bipartisan committee carries out its mission through the Office of the Legislative Inspector General (“OLIG”). The focus of the OLIG is to provide legal advice and guidance to prevent ethics violations. (also on Ohio Capital Connection, 1995 - )

### Bar Associations

Bar Associations provide opportunities to network and work for the betterment of the profession, the community, or a particular specialty. Select the links below to find membership information and applications.
- American Bar Association
  The largest voluntary professional association in the world, the ABA provides law school accreditation, continuing legal education, information about the law, programs to assist lawyers and judges in their work, and initiatives to improve the legal system for the public. The ABA offers student memberships. Membership includes many helpful benefits. For information regarding the ABA's Center for Professional Responsibility click here.

- Federal Bar Association
  Professional organization for private and government lawyers and judges involved in federal practice. The FBA gives its 16,000 members a chance to meet at regional and national conferences, become active in informed discussion of substantive law issues, assume leadership positions at the local and national level, and network with other professionals in the field of federal law. The FBA-NDOC is the local Chapter of the Federal Bar Association (FBA) serving members in the Northern District of Ohio. Its mission is to advance the science of jurisprudence and to promote the welfare, interests, education, and professional growth and development of the members of the Federal legal profession.

- Ohio State Bar Association
  The Ohio State Bar Association, founded in 1880, is a voluntary professional association open to any person who has been admitted to the practice of law. Law school students and paralegals/legal assistants are eligible for membership in the OSBA as associate members. Mission Statement: Our core purpose: To advance the professional interests of members of the Ohio State Bar Association. Our core values : Member satisfaction, professionalism, foresight, and quality services and products. Our goal: To make membership in the Ohio State Bar Association indispensable to Ohio lawyers. The Ohio State Bar Association offers free law student memberships.

- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
  Founded in 1873, the over 5000-member Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association is a private, non-profit organization which provides a wide variety of membership services and operates as a center for legal professionalism in the region by educating the bar, providing resources that enhance client service and by promoting integrity and ethical behavior among lawyers. The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association was one of the first bar associations in the nation, even predating the Ohio State Bar Association and the American Bar Association, and is currently the largest metropolitan provider of legal seminars in Ohio. The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association offers free law student memberships.

- Norman S. Minor Bar Association
  The Norman S. Minor Bar Association (NSMBA) was founded in 1980 as Cleveland's first full-fledged African American bar association. It grew out of the merger of four African American professional groups and is named in honor of one of Cleveland's foremost trial attorneys.

- Ohio Association for Justice
  Mission Statement: To seek justice for all...To champion the cause of those who deserve redress for injury to person or property...To promote the public good through concerted efforts to secure safe products, a safe workplace, a clean environment, and quality health care...To further the rule of law and the civil justice system, and to protect the rights of the accused...To inspire excellence in advocacy through training and education...To encourage cooperation among members...To advance the common law and finest traditions of jurisprudence..To uphold the honor and dignity of the legal profession and the highest standards of ethical conduct and integrity. The Ohio Association for Justice offers student memberships.

- Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
  The Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (OACDL), founded in 1986, is a professional association with over 525 members
around the state. OACDL is an advocate of progressive criminal laws and policies that are consistent with constitutional principles, limited government intrusion into the lives of Americans, and a free society. The Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers offers student memberships.

- Ohio Women's Bar Association
  Purpose and goals: Fostering communications and networking among women attorneys; Promoting and advancing professional opportunities for women attorneys; Promoting the appointment and selection of women to various federal, state and local positions of influence; Promoting women as leaders; Promoting and providing continuing legal education targeting areas of particular interest to women attorneys; Monitoring and supporting government legislation policies and practices affecting women; Serving as a statewide resource representing perspectives of women in the legal profession. The Ohio Women's Bar Association offers student memberships.

Journal Articles/Websites

Law Reviews & Journals

See Finding Law Review and Journal Articles for an explanation of the legal periodical indexes and databases available to Cleveland-Marshall College of Law students and the CSU community.

Selected journals or current awareness materials in Ethics & Professional Responsibility Law include:

- Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics
- Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy
- Professional Lawyer: PL
  1989 - Annual. KF300 .A1 P76
- Journal of the Professional Lawyer
  2008- Annual. KF300.A2 P763
- Photo by Brent (SeeMidTN.com)

Sources on the Web

- Findlaw's Practice Guide
  The Practice Guide section of FindLaw's Law Firm Management Center provides free resources dedicated to operational and risk management issues encountered by solo and small law firm practices.
- Cornell Law School's Legal Information Institute: Wex - Ethics
  "Wex is an ambitious effort to construct a collaboratively-created, public-access law dictionary and encyclopedia. It is sponsored and hosted by the Legal Information Institute at the Cornell Law School."
- Hieros Gamos: Practice of Law
- Advertising Rules in all 50 States

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<td>Lawyers in Practice: Ethical Decision Making in Context</td>
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### Study Aids

#### CALI Lessons
To register for online interactive CALI lessons, see Law Student Registration Instructions

- Appellate Briefs: Ethical and Professional Considerations
- Basis for Attorney Discipline
- Email Correspondence: Ethical and Professional Considerations
- Fees
- Model Rules of Professional Conduct I: Preliminary Drill
- The Law Governing Admission to Practice Law

Below are included some specific lessons on legal ethics:

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<td>KF306 .R682 2008</td>
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<td><em>Introduction to the Study and Practice of Law in a Nutshell</em></td>
<td>KF273 .H4 2017</td>
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Sound Recordings

- Professional responsibility [sound recording] - Outstanding Professor Series
  KF305 .D54 2004

- Professional Responsibility: Law School Legends on Audio CD
  KF306 .C52 2010