

	<p style="text-align: center;">American Bar Association CPR Policy Implementation Committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Variations of the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RULE 1.3: DILIGENCE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A lawyer shall act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing a client.</p> <p>Variations from ABA Model Rule are noted. Based on reports of state committees reviewing recent changes to the model rules. For information on individual state committee reports, see http://www.abanet.org/cpr/jclr/home.html.</p> <p>Comments not included.</p> <p>*Current links to state Rules of Professional conduct can be found on the ABA website: http://www.abanet.org/cpr/links.html*</p>
AL Effective 2/19/09	Changes text to: <i>A lawyer shall not willingly neglect a legal matter entrusted to him.</i>
AK Effective 4/15/09	Same as MR
AZ Effective 12/1/03	Same as MR
AR Effective 5/1/05	Same as MR
CA Effective 11/1/2018	(a): A lawyer shall not intentionally, repeatedly, recklessly or with gross negligence fail to act with reasonable diligence in representing a client. (b): For purposes of this rule, “reasonable diligence” shall mean that a lawyer acts with commitment and dedication to the interests of the client and does not neglect or disregard, or unduly delay a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer.
CO Effective 1/1/08	Same as MR
CT Effective 1/1/07	Same as MR
DE Effective 7/1/03	Same as MR

District of Columbia Effective 2/1/07	Title: adds “and Zeal” Adds (a) A lawyer shall represent a client zealously and diligently within the bounds of the law. (b) A lawyer shall not intentionally: (1) Fail to seek the lawful objectives of a client through reasonably available means permitted by law and the disciplinary rules; or (2) Prejudice or damage a client during the course of the professional relationship. (c): same as MR but deletes “diligence and”
FL Effective 5/22/06	Same as MR
GA* Effective 1/1/01	<i>*Has not amended Rule since the most recent amendments to the ABA Model Rules</i> Adds to end: <i>Reasonable diligence as used in this Rule means that a lawyer shall not without just cause to the detriment of the client in effect willfully abandon or willfully disregard a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer.</i> <i>The maximum penalty for a violation of this Rule is disbarment.</i>
HI Effective 1/1/14	Same as MR
ID Effective 7/1/04	Same as MR
IL Effective 1/1/2010	Same as MR
IN Effective 1/1/05	Same as MR
IA Effective 7/1/05	Same as MR
KS Effective 7/1/07	Same as MR
KY Effective 7/15/09	Same as MR
LA Effective	Same as MR

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ME Effective 8/1/09	Same as MR
MD Effective 7/1/05	Same as MR
MA Rules effective 9/1/08	Adds to end: "The lawyer should represent a client zealously within the bounds of the law."
MI* Rules effective 10/1/88	<i>*Only partial amendments effective 1/1/2011 since the most recent amendments to the ABA Model Rules (amended Rules 3.1, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 5.5, and 8.5 and adopted new Rules 2.4, 5.7, and 6.6.</i> Same as MR
MN Effective 10/1/05	Same as MR
MS Effective 11/3/05	Same as MR
MO Effective 7/1/07	Same as MR
MT Effective 4/1/04	Same as MR
NE Effective 9/1/05	Same as MR
NV Effective 5/1/06	Same as MR
NH Effective 1/1/08	Same as MR
NJ Effective 1/1/04	Same as MR
NM Effective 11/2/09	Changed to Rule 16-103
NY Effective 4/1/09	Adds (b) and (c): <i>(b) A lawyer shall not neglect a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer.</i>

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	<i>(c) A lawyer shall not intentionally fail to carry out a contract of employment entered into with a client for professional services, but the lawyer may withdraw as permitted under these Rules.</i>
NC Effective 3/1/03	Same as MR
ND Effective 8/1/06	Same as MR
OH Effective 2/1/07	Same as MR
OK Effective 1/1/08	Same as MR
OR Effective 12/1/06	<i>A lawyer shall not neglect a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer.</i>
PA Effective 7/1/06	Same as MR
RI Effective 4/15/07	Same as MR
SC Effective 10/1/05	Same as MR
SD Effective 1/1/04	Same as MR
TN Effective 1/1/2010	Same as MR
TX Effective 3/1/05	Does not have
UT Effective 11/1/05	Same as MR
VT Effective 9/1/09	Same as MR
VA Effective 1/1/04	(a): same as MR text Adds (b) A lawyer shall not intentionally fail to carry out a contract of employment entered into with a client for professional services, but may withdraw as permitted under Rule 1.16. Adds (c) A lawyer shall not intentionally prejudice or damage a client during the course of the professional relationship, except as required or

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	permitted under Rule 1.6 and Rule 3.3.
WA Effective 9/1/06	Same as MR
WV *Amendment Effective 1/1/2015	Same as MR
WI Effective 7/1/07	Same as MR
WY Effective 7/1/06	Same as MR

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