

Chapter 18 Rules Governing ~~Admission to the Bar~~the Practice of Law

Rule 200

[Draft] Regulatory Objectives of the Supreme Court of Colorado

The Colorado Supreme Court has exclusive jurisdiction to regulate the practice of law in Colorado. The Court appoints an Advisory Committee, Attorney Regulation Counsel, the Presiding Disciplinary Judge, the Executive Director of the Colorado Lawyers Assistance Program (COLAP) and the Director of the Colorado Attorney Mentoring Program (CAMP) to assist the Court. The Court also appoints numerous volunteer citizens to permanent regulatory committees and boards to assist in regulating the practice of law.

The legal profession serves clients, courts and the public, and has special responsibilities for the quality of justice administered in our legal system. The Court has established essential eligibility requirements, rules of professional conduct and other rules for the legal profession. The profession must be regulated in the public interest. In regulating the practice of law in Colorado, the Court's objectives include:

1. Increasing public understanding of and confidence in the rule of law, the administration of justice system and each individual's legal rights and duties;
2. Protecting and promoting the public interest;
3. Ensuring compliance with essential eligibility requirements, rules of professional conduct and other rules in a manner that is fair, efficient, effective, targeted and proportionate;
4. Promoting access to justice and consumer choice in the availability and affordability of legal services;
5. Enhancing client protection through the establishment of the Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel, an Attorneys Fund for Client Protection, inventory counsel services, COLAP, CAMP and other proactive programs;
6. Safeguarding the rule of law and ensuring judicial and lawyer independence sufficient to allow for a robust system of justice;

7. Promoting diversity, inclusion, substantive equality and freedom from discrimination in the delivery of legal services and the administration of justice;
8. (Patty's Committee's language); and
9. Assisting lawyers in maintaining professional competence.