LANDMARK DATES IN PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

American Bar Association Center for Professional Responsibility

(Events, Entities, Standards, Reports, Awards, Projects)

1887  Alabama State Bar Association *Code of Ethics*

1908  *Canons of Professional Ethics*

1913  Committee on Professional Ethics

1919  Committee on Professional Ethics and Grievances (formerly known as Committee on Professional Ethics)

1930  Standing Committee on Unauthorized Practice of Law

1952  Special Committee on Disciplinary Procedures

1955  Standing Committee on Clients’ Security Funds

1956  *Rules of Court for Disciplinary Proceedings*

1958  Committee on Professional Ethics and Grievances separated into a Committee on Professional Grievances and a Committee on Professional Ethics

1964  Special Committee on Evaluation of Ethics Standards
   (“Wright Committee” 1964 – 1969)

1965  National Organization of Bar Counsel

1967  Special Committee on Evaluation of Disciplinary Enforcement
   (“Clark Committee” 1967 – 1970)

1968  National Discipline Data Bank

1969  *Model Code of Professional Responsibility*

1970  *Problems and Recommendations in Disciplinary Enforcement*
   (The “Clark Committee” report)

1971  Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility (formerly known as Committee on Professional Ethics)

1972  *Code of Judicial Conduct*
1973  Standing Committee on Professional Discipline (formerly known as the Committee on Professional Grievances)


1978  Center for Professional Responsibility

1978  Standards Relating to Judicial Discipline and Disability Retirement

1979  Standards for Lawyer Discipline and Disciplinary Proceedings

1981  Model Rules for Clients’ Security Funds

1983  Model Rules of Professional Conduct
   (The “Kutak Commission” report)

1984  Model Rules for Unauthorized Practice of Law Advisory Opinions

1984  Standing Committee on Lawyers’ Responsibility for Client Protection (merger of Standing Committee on Clients’ Security Funds and Standing Committee on Unauthorized Practice of Law)

1984  ABA/BNA Lawyers’ Manual on Professional Conduct

1985  Commission on Professionalism
   (“Stanley Commission” 1985-1986)


1986  “…In the Spirit of Public Service”: A Blueprint for the Rekindling of Lawyer Professionalism
   (The “Stanley Commission” report)

1988  Special Coordinating Committee on Professionalism

1988  Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers (originally known as the National Organization of Respondents’ Counsel)

1989  Commission on Evaluation of Disciplinary Enforcement

1989  Model Rules for Lawyer Disciplinary Enforcement

1989  Model Rules for Lawyers’ Funds for Client Protection (formerly known as the Model Rules for Clients’ Security Funds)

1990  E. Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Awards


1992  *Lawyer Regulation for a New Century*  
(The “McKay Commission” report)

1992  Joint Committee on Lawyer Regulation

1992  Standing Committee on Professionalism (formerly known as Special Coordinating Committee on Professionalism)

1993  Center for Professional Responsibility Membership Program

1994  Michael Franck Professional Responsibility Award

1994  *Model Rules for Judicial Disciplinary Enforcement*

1995  *Nonlawyer Activity in Law Related Situations*  
(Commission on Nonlawyer Practice report)

1995  *Model Rules for Fee Arbitration*

1995  National Lawyer Regulatory Data Bank (formerly known as National Discipline Data Bank)

1997  Center for Professional Responsibility Governing Committee

1997  Commission on Evaluation of the Rules of Professional Conduct  

1998  *Model Rules for Mediation of Client-Lawyer Disputes*

1998  National Client Protection Organization


1998  Standing Committee on Client Protection (formerly known as Standing Committee on Lawyers’ Responsibility for Client Protection)

1998  Center for Professional Responsibility Coordinating Council (formerly known as Governing Committee)
2000  Report of the Commission on Multidisciplinary Practice


2002  Client Representation in the 21st Century  
(Commission on Multijurisdictional Practice report)

2002  Model Rules of Professional Conduct (revision of the 1983 Model Rules of  
Professional Conduct by the “Ethics 2000 Commission”)

2002  Model Rule on Pro Hac Vice Admission

2002  Model Rule on Admission by Motion

2002  Model Rule for Temporary Practice by Foreign Lawyers


2003  Report of the Task Force on the Model Definition of the Practice of Law

2003  Task Force on Corporate Responsibility amendments to Model Rules of  
Professional Conduct 1.6 and 1.13


2004  Model Court Rule on Insurance Disclosure

2006  Policy relating to General Agreement on Trade in Legal Services Disciplines on  
Domestic Regulation

2007  Model Court Rule on Provision of Legal Services Following Determination of  
Major Disaster

2007  Model Code of Judicial Conduct (revision of the 1990 Model Code of Judicial  
Conduct)

2008  Consortium on Professionalism Initiatives

2008  Centennial of the ABA Canons of Professional Ethics

2009  ABA Commission on Ethics 20/20 (2009-2012)

2012  Model Rule on Practice Pending Admission

2014  Jeanne P. Gray Diversity Scholarship