

## 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)
- 1977 Commission on Evaluation of Professional Standards (“Kutak Commission” 1977-1983)
- 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)
- 1985 Standing Committee on Lawyer Competence (1985-1999)
- 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 (“McKay Commission” 1989-1992)
- 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 *Model Code of Judicial Conduct* (revision of the 1972 *Code of Judicial Conduct*)
- 1990 E. Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Awards
- 1992 Commission on Nonlawyer Practice (1992-1995)
- 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  
(“Ethics 2000 Commission” 1997 – 2002)
- 1998 *Model Rules for Mediation of Client-Lawyer Disputes*
- 1998 National Client Protection Organization
- 1998 Commission on Multidisciplinary Practice (1998 – 2000)
- 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*
- 2000 Commission on Multijurisdictional Practice (2000-2002)
- 2002 *Client Representation in the 21<sup>st</sup> 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 Task Force on the Model Definition of the Practice of Law (2002-2003)
- 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
- 2003 Joint Commission to Evaluate the Model Code of Judicial Conduct (2003-2007)
- 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