

	<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 2.1: Advisor</p> <p>In representing a client, a lawyer shall exercise independent professional judgment and render candid advice. In rendering advice, a lawyer may refer not only to law but to other considerations such as moral, economic, social and political factors, that may be relevant to the client's situation.</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	Same as MR
AK Effective 4/15/09	Adds clause, “and the availability of alternative forms of dispute resolution.”
AZ Effective 12/1/03	Same as MR
AR Effective 5/1/05	Same as MR
CA Current Rule	[California’s Rules of Professional Conduct are structured differently from the ABA Model Rules. Please see California Rules : http://calbar.ca.gov/calbar/pdfs/rules/Rules_Professional-Conduct.pdf]
CO Effective 1/1/08	Adds to end of paragraph: “ <i>In a matter involving or expected to involve litigation, a lawyer should advise the client of alternative forms of dispute resolution that might reasonably be pursued to attempt to resolve the legal dispute or to reach the legal objective sought.</i> ”
CT Effective 1/1/07	Same as MR
DE	Same as MR

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Effective 7/1/03	
District of Columbia Effective 2/1/07	Same as MR
FL Effective 5/22/06	Same as MR
GA* Effective 1/1/01	<p><i>*Has not amended Rule since the most recent amendments to the ABA Model Rules</i></p> <p>Replaces second sentence with “A lawyer should not be deterred from giving candid advice by the prospect that the advice will be unpalatable to the client;”</p> <p>Adds to end: “The maximum penalty for a violation of this Rule is disbarment.”</p>
HI* Effective 1/1/94	<p><i>*Has not amended Rule since the most recent amendments to the ABA Model Rules</i></p> <p>Adds to end: “In a matter involving or expected to involve litigation, a lawyer should advise a client of alternative forms of dispute resolution which might reasonably be pursued to attempt to resolve the legal dispute or to reach the legal objective sought.”</p>
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 3/1/04	Same as MR
ME	Same as MR

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Effective 8/1/09	
MD Effective 7/1/05	Same as MR
MA Rules effective 9/1/08	Same as MR
MI* Rules effective 10/1/88	<i>*Has not amended Rule since the most recent amendments to the ABA Model Rules</i>
New Proposed 11/24/09	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 16-201 of Article 2. Counselor
NY Effective	Same as MR

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4/1/09	
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	Same as MR
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 1/1/2011	Changes heading to: CHAPTER 2 THE LAWYER AS COUNSELOR, INTERMEDIARY, AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION NEUTRAL TN Rule 2.1 same as MR
TX* Effective 3/1/05	<i>*Has not amended Rule since the most recent amendments to the ABA Model Rules</i> Has only first sentence of MR, but adds “advising or otherwise” before “representing.”
UT Effective 11/1/05	Same as MR
VT Effective 9/1/09	Same as MR
VA Effective 1/1/04	Same as MR

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WA Effective 9/1/06	Same as MR
WV* Effective 1/1/89	<i>*Has not amended Rule since the most recent amendments to the ABA Model Rules</i> Same as MR
WI Effective 7/1/07	Same as MR
WY Effective 7/1/06	Same as MR

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