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	<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 3.2: Expediting Litigation A lawyer shall make reasonable efforts to expedite litigation consistent with the interests of the 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	Same as MR
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 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	Same as MR
CT Effective 1/1/07	Same as MR
DE Effective 7/1/03	Same as MR
District of Columbia Effective	Adds (a) In representing a client, a lawyer shall not delay a proceeding when the lawyer knows or when it is obvious that such action would serve solely to harass or maliciously injure another.

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2/1/07	(b): same as MR text
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: "The maximum penalty for a violation of this Rule is a public reprimand."
HI* Effective 1/1/94	<i>*Has not amended Rule since the most recent amendments to the ABA Model Rules</i> Adds "legitimate" before "interests."
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 Effective 8/1/09	Same as MR
MD Effective 7/1/05	Same as MR
MA Rules effective 9/1/08	Same as MR
MI* Rules	<i>*Has not amended Rule since the most recent amendments to the ABA Model Rules</i>

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effective 10/1/88	Same as MR
New Proposed 11/24/09	Same as 1988 Rule.
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	<i>In the lawyer's representation of a client, a lawyer shall not file a suit, assert a position, conduct a defense, delay litigation or take other action on behalf of the client when the lawyer knows or when it is obvious that such action would serve merely to harass or maliciously injure another.</i>
NV Effective 5/1/06	<i>Adds: (b) The duty stated in paragraph (a) does not preclude a lawyer from granting a reasonable request from opposing counsel for an accommodation, such as an extension of time, or from disagreeing with a client's wishes on administrative and tactical matters, such as scheduling depositions, the number of depositions to be taken, and the frequency and use of written discovery requests.</i>
NH Effective 1/1/08	Same as MR
NJ Effective 1/1/04	adds at the end, “.. and shall treat with courtesy and consideration all persons involved in the legal process.”
NM Effective 11/2/09	Changed to Rule 16-302.
NY Effective 4/1/09	<i>RULE 3.2: DELAY OF LITIGATION</i> <i>In representing a client, a lawyer shall not use means that have no substantial purpose other than to delay or prolong the proceeding or to cause needless expense.</i>
NC Effective 3/1/03	Same as MR
ND Effective	Same as MR

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8/1/06	
OH Effective 2/1/07	Did not adopt
OK Effective 1/1/08	Same as MR
OR Effective 12/1/06	Did not adopt
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	<i>A lawyer shall make reasonable efforts to expedite litigation.</i>
TX* Effective 3/1/05	<p><i>*Has not amended Rule since the most recent amendments to the ABA Model Rules</i></p> <p>Equivalent Rule: <i>Rule 3.02 Minimizing the Burdens and Delays of Litigation</i> <i>In the course of litigation, a lawyer shall not take a position that unreasonably increases the costs or other burdens of the case or that unreasonably delays resolution of the matter.</i></p>
UT Effective 11/1/05	Same as MR
VT Effective 9/1/09	Same as MR
VA Effective 1/1/04	Did not adopt.
WA Effective 9/1/06	Same as MR

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WV* Effective 1/1/89	<i>*Has not amended Rule since the most recent amendments to the ABA Model Rules</i> Changes “interests” to singular, “interest.”
WI Effective 7/1/07	Same as MR
WY Effective 7/1/06	Same as MR

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