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Attorneys who violate the Rules of Professional Conduct are subject to discipline, which could mean suspension of the right to practice law, or even disbarment.

All lawyers, however, are not of equal abilities. Some are more capable than others and sometimes they make mistakes. A lawyer may lose the trust and confidence of a client for various reasons. In some cases this may result from unethical conduct. In other cases, grounds for discipline may not exist because the lawyer may not have violated the Rules of Professional Conduct.

Disciplining a lawyer requires evidence - proof of misconduct - to justify disciplinary action. Likewise, the action of the lawyer must constitute misconduct. An honest disagreement about how a case should have been handled does not constitute misconduct, even if the outcome of the case is disappointing.

A mistake alone does not constitute misconduct. Like all others, lawyers make mistakes. If a mistake causes a loss, the client may be able to recover the loss in a law suit against the lawyer. But a mistake or error in judgment by itself is not misconduct.

If you have a problem of inadequate communication - lack of sufficient agreement or some misunderstanding - it may be the problem can best be resolved by a frank talk with the lawyer. The Board's Consumer Assistance Program may also be helpful in resolving misunderstandings with your attorney.

If your efforts have not satisfactorily resolved your concerns, complete and submit the "**Online Complaint Form**" below. Alternatively, [CLICK HERE](#) to print a blank copy of the complaint form.

- **For alleged ethical violations of a serious nature, check, "I am submitting this form as a formal complaint."**
- **For concerns which do not rise to the level of serious ethical violations, check, "I am submitting this form as an informal request for assistance."**

Complaint Form

Lookup Lawyer

Date of first contact with Lawyer

Date of last contact with Lawyer

Please check **ONE** of the following:*

I am submitting this form as a formal complaint.

I am submitting this form as an informal request for assistance.

Personal Information

Name Prefix

First Name*

Last Name*

Address

Apt/Suite Number

City

State

Zip

Email*

Please enter a single email address.

Check box if incarcerated

Inmate ID#

Home Phone

Work Phone

Cell Phone

Employer Information

Your Employer

Address

Apt/Suite Number

City

State

Zip

Where do you prefer to receive correspondence?*

Is your case:

Criminal

Civil

Case #

County

If your case is in a Federal District, please check one of the following districts.

The above lawyer is

Please check the case type:

This is a Criminal case. (If so, please list the charge(s) below:)

Criminal Charges

Stage of the Criminal Case:

Clearly Describe Your Concerns*

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***Checking this box demonstrates my understanding that my complaint cannot be processed until documents reflecting the attorney's representation and/or documents supporting my complaint are received by the Board within 30 days of submission of this complaint. Please forward supporting documentation to the Board via U.S. mail to the following address:**

*Board of Professional Responsibility
10 Cadillac Drive, Suite 220
Brentwood, TN 37027*

Do not mail original documents to the Board. Include your name and the attorney's name on all documents.

Alternate Information

In the event our office is unable to reach you, please provide the name and address of an alternate contact person.

First Name

Last Name

Address

Apt/Suite Number

City

State

-- Select Your State --

Zip

Electronic Signature

BY CHECKING THIS BOX I CERTIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS TRUE AND CORRECT. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE CONTENT OF MY INQUIRY CAN BE DISCLOSED TO THE LAWYER. I ALSO AGREE THAT THE CHECKBOX AND MY NAME TYPED BELOW ARE TO BE USED AS MY ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE.

I certify that the above information is true and correct. *

Signature*

Date*

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lawyers; and, to assist lawyers by interpreting and applying the Court's disciplinary rules.

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