

1 **Rule ~~14-602~~11-580. Purpose and nature of sanctions.**

2 ~~(a) Summary. This article is based on the Black Letter Rules contained in the Standards~~
3 ~~for Imposing Lawyer Sanctions prepared by the American Bar Association's Center for~~
4 ~~Professional Responsibility. They have been substantially revised by the Supreme~~
5 ~~Court. Notably, ABA Standards 4 through 8 have been reduced into a single Rule 14-~~
6 ~~605.~~

7 **(~~ba~~) Purpose of sanctions~~lawyer discipline proceedings~~.** The purpose of imposing
8 Lawyer sanctions is to ensure and maintain the high standard of professional conduct
9 required of those who undertake the discharge of professional responsibilities as
10 Lawyers, and to protect the public and the administration of justice from Lawyers who
11 have demonstrated by their conduct that they are unable or likely to be unable to
12 discharge properly their professional responsibilities.

13 **(~~eb~~) Public nature of ~~lawyer discipline proceedings~~sanctions.** The Ultimate
14 disposition of Lawyer discipline ~~shall~~will be public in cases of ~~disbarment~~delicensure,
15 suspension, and reprimand; ~~and~~ and nonpublic in cases of admonition.

16 **(~~dc~~) Purpose of these sanctions rules.** These rules are designed for use in imposing a
17 sanction or sanctions following a determination that a member of the legal profession
18 has violated a provision of the Rules of Professional Conduct or Licensed Paralegal
19 Practitioner Rules of Professional Conduct. Descriptions in these rules of substantive
20 disciplinary offenses are not intended to create grounds for determining culpability
21 independent of the Rules of Professional Conduct or Licensed Paralegal Practitioner
22 Rules of Professional Conduct. The rules constitute a system for determining sanctions,
23 permitting flexibility and creativity in assigning sanctions in particular cases of Lawyer
24 misconduct. They rules are designed to promote:

25 (1) consideration of all factors relevant to imposing the appropriate level of
26 sanction in an individual case;

27 (2) consideration of the appropriate weight of such factors in light of the stated
28 goals of Lawyer discipline; and

29 (3) consistency in the imposition of disciplinary sanctions for the same or similar
30 offenses within and among jurisdictions.

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