

1 **Rule ~~14-605~~11-583. Imposition of sanctions.**

2 Absent aggravating or mitigating circumstances, upon application of the factors set out  
3 in Rule ~~14-604~~11-582, the following sanctions are generally appropriate.

4 (a) **Disbarment.** Disbarment is generally appropriate when a Lawyer:

5 (1) knowingly engages in professional misconduct as defined in Rule 8.4(a), (d),  
6 (e), or (f) of the Rules of Professional Conduct with the intent to benefit the  
7 Lawyer or another or to deceive the court, and causes serious or potentially  
8 serious injury to a party, the public, or the legal system, or causes serious or  
9 potentially serious interference with a legal proceeding; or

10 (2) engages in serious criminal conduct, a necessary element of which includes  
11 intentional interference with the administration of justice, false swearing,  
12 misrepresentation, fraud, extortion, misappropriation, or theft; or the sale,  
13 distribution, or importation of controlled substances; or the intentional killing of  
14 another; or an attempt or conspiracy or solicitation of another to commit any of  
15 these offenses; or

16 (3) engages in any other intentional misconduct involving dishonesty, fraud,  
17 deceit, or misrepresentation that seriously adversely reflects on the Lawyer's  
18 fitness to practice law.

19 (b) **Suspension.** Suspension is generally appropriate when a Lawyer:

20 (1) knowingly engages in professional misconduct as defined in Rule 8.4(a), (d),  
21 (e), or (f) of the Rules of Professional Conduct and causes injury or potential  
22 injury to a party, the public, or the legal system, or causes interference or  
23 potential interference with a legal proceeding; or

24 (2) engages in criminal conduct that does not contain the elements listed in Rule  
25 14-605(a)(2) but nevertheless seriously adversely reflects on the Lawyer's fitness  
26 to practice law.

27 (c) **Reprimand.** Reprimand is generally appropriate when a Lawyer:

28 (1) negligently engages in professional misconduct as defined in Rule 8.4(a), (d),  
29 (e), or (f) of the Rules of Professional Conduct and causes injury to a party, the  
30 public, or the legal system, or causes interference with a legal proceeding; or

31 (2) engages in any other misconduct that involves dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or  
32 misrepresentation and that adversely reflects on the Lawyer's fitness to practice  
33 law.

34 (d) **Admonition.** Admonition is generally appropriate when a Lawyer:

35 (1) negligently engages in professional misconduct as defined in Rule 8.4(a), (d),  
36 (e), or (f) of the Rules of Professional Conduct and causes little or no injury to a  
37 party, the public, or the legal system or interference with a legal proceeding, but  
38 exposes a party, the public, or the legal system to potential injury or causes  
39 potential interference with a legal proceeding; or

40 (2) engages in any professional misconduct not otherwise identified in this rule  
41 that adversely reflects on the Lawyer's fitness to practice law.

42 *Effective December 15, 2020*