

1 **Rule 15-602. Purpose and nature of sanctions.**

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3 (a) Purpose of licensed paralegal practitioner discipline proceedings. The purpose of  
4 imposing licensed paralegal practitioner sanctions is to ensure and maintain the high standard of  
5 professional conduct required of those who undertake the discharge of professional  
6 responsibilities as licensed paralegal practitioners, and to protect the public and the  
7 administration of justice from licensed paralegal practitioners who have demonstrated by their  
8 conduct that they are unable or likely to be unable to discharge properly their professional  
9 responsibilities.

10 (b) Public nature of licensed paralegal practitioner discipline proceedings. Ultimate  
11 disposition of licensed paralegal practitioner discipline shall be public in cases of delicensure,  
12 suspension, and reprimand, and nonpublic in cases of admonition.

13 (c) Purpose of these rules. These rules are designed for use in imposing a sanction or  
14 sanctions following a determination that a licensed paralegal practitioner has violated a provision  
15 of the Licensed Paralegal Practitioner Rules of Professional Conduct. Descriptions in these rules  
16 of substantive disciplinary offenses are not intended to create grounds for determining culpability  
17 independent of the Licensed Paralegal Practitioner Rules of Professional Conduct. The rules  
18 constitute a system for determining sanctions, permitting flexibility and creativity in assigning  
19 sanctions in particular cases of licensed paralegal practitioner misconduct. They are designed to  
20 promote:

21 (c)(1) consideration of all factors relevant to imposing the appropriate level of sanction in an  
22 individual case;

23 (c)(2) consideration of the appropriate weight of such factors in light of the stated goals of  
24 licensed paralegal practitioner discipline; and

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