

COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINARY RULES AND REFERENDA

Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct

VII. Information about Legal Services

Rules 7.01 – 7.07

(Lawyer Advertising and Solicitation Rules)

Below is the timeline for proposed changes to Part VII (Information about Legal Services) of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct, relating to lawyer advertising and solicitation communications.

INITIATED – September 4, 2018

PUBLICATION – A proposed rule is withdrawn if it is not published in (1) the Texas Register and (2) the Texas Bar Journal within six months of initiation of the rule proposal process.

- **Texas Bar Journal – December 1, 2018 (Complete)**
- **Texas Register – November 30, 2018 (Complete)**

NOTE: Publications will include details on dates and participation methods for the comment period and the public hearing.

COMMENT PERIOD – The Committee shall give interested parties at least 30 days from the date a proposed rule is published to submit comments on the rule to the Committee. The Committee extended the comment period to three months.

Public comments were accepted through **March 1, 2019** (and the Committee considered additional public comments received through April 18, 2019).

PUBLIC HEARING – The Committee held a public hearing on **January 9, 2019**, at the Texas Law Center.

FINAL VOTE BY COMMITTEE – The Committee shall vote on whether to recommend a proposed rule to the Board of Directors not later than the 60th day after the final day of the comment period. This vote must be held at a meeting open to the public and with notice to the public.

At its **April 18, 2019**, meeting, the Committee voted not to recommend the initiated proposal (Docket No. 18-6) to the Board of Directors and instead to reinstate the rule proposal process for a revised proposal on the advertising rules based on the Committee's prior work and the public comments received.