

COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINARY RULES AND REFERENDA

Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct

Rule 1.01. Competent and Diligent Representation

Below is the timeline for proposed changes to Rule 1.01 of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct, relating to competent and diligent representation.

INITIATED – December 5, 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PUBLICATION – A proposed rule is withdrawn if it is not published in (1) the Texas Register and (2) the Texas Bar Journal within six months of initiation of the rule proposal process.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 – March 1, 2019 (Complete)**
- **Texas Register – March 1, 2019 (Complete)**

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

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 two months.

Public comments were accepted through **May 1, 2019**.

PUBLIC HEARING – The Committee held a public hearing on **April 18, 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.

The Committee voted at its **May 8, 2019**, meeting to recommend the proposal to the Board of Directors.

SUBMISSION TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS – The Committee shall submit a proposed disciplinary rule that is recommended by the Committee to the Board of Directors for review and consideration.

The Committee submitted the proposed rule to the Chair of the Board of Directors on **October 16, 2019**.

VOTE BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS – The Board of Directors shall vote on each proposed disciplinary rule recommended by the Committee not later than the 120th day after the date the rule is received from the Committee. The Board shall vote for or against the rule or return the rule to the Committee for additional consideration.

At its **January 16, 2020**, meeting, the Board of Directors voted to reject the proposed changes to Rule 1.01.