

Lawyer Discipline

REPORT CARD



ALASKA

Overall Grade: **D**

About Alaska's Lawyer Discipline System:

Ranked 47th in the nation overall.

↓ Fewer than one out of every five grievances received by the Alaska Bar Association Discipline Section is investigated.*

↓ The Alaska Bar's website contains no information about Alaska's lawyer discipline system.

↓ Under Alaska's "gag rule," individuals may not speak publicly about their grievances until a petition for formal hearing is filed against the attorney or public discipline is imposed.

↓ Earning an F for Promptness, the average imposition of discipline does not occur until nearly three years after the Bar Association receives a grievance.*

↑ Alaska's brochure "Ethical Grievances Against Attorneys" outlines the disciplinary process clearly, instructs consumers on details to include in their complaints and provides examples of attorney misconduct, making it easy for individuals to understand how to file a grievance.

* According to the most recent statistics from the American Bar Association, which derive from the 2000 ABA Survey on Lawyer Discipline Systems.

Adequacy of Discipline Imposed	F
Publicity and Responsiveness	C
Openness of the Process	C+
Fairness of Disciplinary Procedures	F
Public Participation	C
Promptness	F
Overall Grade	D

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To file a grievance against an attorney licensed in Alaska, obtain an Attorney Grievance form from the Alaska Bar Association by calling (907) 272-7469 or writing to:
 Bar Counsel, Alaska Bar Association, P.O. Box 100279, Anchorage, AK 99510-0279