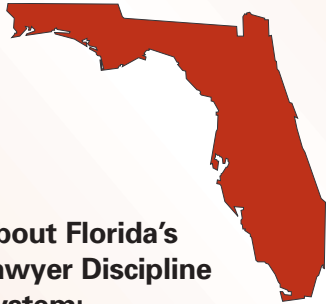


Lawyer Discipline

REPORT CARD



About Florida's Lawyer Discipline System:

Ranked 2nd in the nation overall.

★ **Winner: Best Brochure.**

Displays information in a simple, consumer-friendly presentation, provides a Spanish translation, offers a detailed explanation of how to file a grievance, and clearly walks consumers through the process of lawyer discipline.

★ **Runner Up: Best Website.**

Comprehensive, clearly written, easily navigable. The Florida Bar's website provides disciplinary statistics, listings of sanctioned attorneys and information about the Attorney Consumer Assistance Program which serves to help individuals resolve disputes with their lawyers prior to formal filing of a complaint.

⬇️ Earned a C in Public Participation because only one out of every three hearing panel participants is a non-lawyer.

⬆️ The Florida Bar investigates every grievance that the office receives.*

⬇️ Received an *Incomplete* in Promptness because the Florida Bar does not have a record of the Bar's timeliness in filing formal charges and imposing sanctions on attorneys once complaints are received.*

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

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Overall Grade:

C+

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

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To file a grievance against an attorney licensed in Florida, download and send in an online Inquiry/Complaint form at www.flabar.org, call the Attorney Consumer Assistance Program (ACAP) at (866) 352-0707 or write to: The Florida Bar, Department of Lawyer Regulation, 650 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300