



The Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of New Mexico

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Complaint Against an Attorney

INSTRUCTIONS: This form is designed to provide the Disciplinary Board with information required to make an initial evaluation of your complaint and to begin any needed inquiry or investigation into your allegations.

Please print or type your information on this form. If you are asserting allegations about more than one attorney, please complete a separate complaint form for each attorney. All materials that you file with the Disciplinary Board will become part of the Disciplinary Board's confidential files and **will not be returned or copied to you.** Therefore, please provide only **copies of your supporting documents** with your **original, signed complaint form.** You will be advised in writing of receipt of your complaint and advised of the outcome of your complaint, subject to the limits of confidentiality.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: It is the function of this office to investigate allegations of misconduct against specifically identified attorneys and, where there is evidence that the attorney has violated the Rules of Professional Conduct, to recommend appropriate sanctions for the future protection of the public. This office cannot challenge Court decisions or intervene in any case nor stop or delay any pending Court proceedings.

Name and Address of Complainant

Prefix Mx. Mr. Ms. Mrs. Dr. Hon. Prefer not to say

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Email address _____

Name and Address of Attorney

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Firm Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

1. Describe your relationship to the attorney who is the subject of your grievance:

- Current client Former client Opposing party
 Judge/Hearing Officer Opposing attorney Other _____

2. Do you currently have an attorney other than the one named in this complaint?

- Yes No

3. Is your complaint about conduct in a lawsuit? Yes No

a. If yes, cause number if known _____

4. Is the attorney in possession of money or other property (for example, your original documents or client file) that you believe should be returned to you? Yes No

a. If you have given the attorney money, please state the date(s), amount(s), and provide documentation (copies, receipts, etc.).

Date _____ Amount \$ _____ Date _____ Amount \$ _____

Date _____ Amount \$ _____ Date _____ Amount \$ _____

5. What type of legal work was/is involved? (Check all that apply)

- Administrative Law Bankruptcy Commercial
 Criminal Law Estate/Probate Family Law/Divorce
 Immigration Personal Injury Worker's Compensation
 Real Estate Other Civil Other _____

6. What is the general nature of your complaint against the attorney? (Check all that apply)

- Delay or lack of diligence Failing to communicate
 Misrepresentation/false statements Revealing confidences
 Refusing to return your files or papers Conflict of interest
 Not following your instructions Lack of competence
 Improper handling of your money or property/attorney fees
 Not keeping you informed of progress on your case
 Other _____

7. State your complaint in your own words. Try to give mainly factual examples of the attorney's misconduct. To the extent possible, include important dates, times, places and details so that the specific nature of your complaint can be understood. Use as much space as necessary (including adding additional pages). It is not necessary to be brief.

I understand and consent that all information on this form, including my name and address, will be available for review by the attorney and others who may view the file. This complaint form and other submissions by me will be sent to the attorney.

Signature

Date

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