

Rule 1.3 Diligence

(Commission's Proposed Rule Adopted on November 13 – 14, 2015 – Clean Version)

- (a) A lawyer shall not intentionally, recklessly, with gross negligence, or repeatedly fail to act with reasonable* diligence in representing a client.
- (b) For purposes of this Rule, “reasonable diligence” shall mean that a lawyer acts with commitment and dedication to the interests of the client and does not neglect or disregard, or without just cause, unduly delay a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer.

Comment

[1] This Rule addresses only a lawyer's responsibility for his or her own professional diligence. See Rules 5.1 and 5.3 with respect to a lawyer's disciplinary responsibility for supervising subordinate lawyers and nonlawyers.

[2] See Rule 1.1 with respect to a lawyer's duty to perform legal services with competence.

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Synopsis of Public Comments**

TOTAL = XX **A = X**
 D = X
 M = X
 NI = X

No.	Commenter/Signatory	Comment on Behalf of Group?	A/D/M/NI ¹	Rule Section or Cmt.	Comment	RRC Response
2016-32c	Law Professors (Zitrin)	Yes	A	1.3	We are gratified to see the inclusion of a separate rule on diligence along with a definition of diligence.	No response required.

¹ A = AGREE with proposed Rule

D = DISAGREE with proposed Rule

M = AGREE ONLY IF MODIFIED

NI = NOT INDICATED