

U.S. [State] Ethics Codes

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A lawyer who practices in the U.S. is subject to the *Rules of Professional Conduct* adopted by each U.S. state in which the lawyer is licensed. In addition, [many U.S. states](#) have adopted a version of Rule 8.5 that provides that lawyers who are not licensed in that particular state but practice there on a temporary basis are governed by the *Rules of Professional Conduct* of that state, subject to the choice of law provisions found in Rule 8.5.

1. For a link to each individual U.S. state's binding Rules of Professional Conduct, see: http://www.americanbar.org/groups/professional_responsibility/resources/links_of_interest.htmlhttp://www.americanbar.org/groups/professional_responsibility/publications/model_rules_of_professional_conduct.html (If any of these links are defective, you can also find links at this website: <http://www.nobc.org/research-professionalconductrules.aspx>

Virtually all U.S. states have adopted an ethics code that is based on the NONBINDING ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct. The ABA Model Rules are found here: http://www.americanbar.org/groups/professional_responsibility/publications/model_rules_of_professional_conduct/model_rules_of_professional_conduct_table_of_contents.html. Additional useful information is found here: http://www.americanbar.org/groups/professional_responsibility/policy.html

2. For charts that explain how a particular state's Rules of Professional Conduct differ from the non-binding ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct, see http://www.americanbar.org/groups/professional_responsibility/policy/charts.html.
3. The ABA website listed above includes charts that shows state-by-state variations in the adoption of a particular ABA Model Rule (such as the confidentiality rule (Rule 1.6) or the conflicts of interest rule (Rule 1.7): http://www.americanbar.org/groups/professional_responsibility/policy/rule_charts.html