



David A. Lewis Law PLLC

A NEW YORK CITY AREA LEGAL ETHICS LAW FIRM

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When a lawyer needs a lawyer, David is the one to call. In most matters of legal ethics and professional responsibility, David provides attorneys and their firms practical advice on issues of disciplinary exposure, financial risk, and conflicts of interest.

An eminent authority on disciplinary complaints, malpractice suits, and the panoply of disputes between lawyers, their firms, and their clients, David's credentials include a three-year term as chair of the New York City Bar Association's prestigious Professional Responsibility Committee. He has also served on the state level, with the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Standards of Attorney Conduct (COSAC). These committees are at the vanguard of the legal ethics field, studying and recommending changes to rules and procedures that directly affect the practice of law.

David's own practice reflects this experience. He represents lawyers and firms wherever the Rules of Professional Conduct come into play - from partnership disputes to privilege and confidentiality issues - from conflicts of interest to bar admission problems. He defends clients in disciplinary matters, disqualification motions and other court matters.

David is quick to make the distinction between ethics and morality. He understands that one's morals are not always an accurate guide to what the ethics rules proscribe.

To help lawyers grasp this distinction, David advises both outside and inside counsel - including Fortune 500 companies - on issues of ethical risk management. At his lectures and seminars, he teaches how to avoid disciplinary complaints and malpractice charges - to make sure engagement letters, conflict waivers, and other basic procedures are scrupulously executed in a way that reduces exposure. Prevention, to David, is always preferable to litigation.

David's approach to legal ethics - a field known for its rigidity, is to keep an open mind. He prefers to think through his client's entire situation, looking for other - possibly better - options than what is immediately evident.

For his clients - those lawyers and firms that may have strayed from the rules, thereby putting their careers and businesses at risk - David's thorough and carefully considered approach provides the guidance that puts those clients on the right track.

Legal Ethics Presenter

As a nationally recognized legal ethics speaker, David is often called upon to participate in programs dealing with complex legal ethics and compliance issues. These ethics programs include programs sponsored by: Practising Law Institute, American Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, New York City Bar Association, the New York County Lawyers' Association, Association for Professional Responsibility Lawyers, Fortune 500 companies and various national law firms. At many of his lectures and seminars, David focuses on teaching how to better foster a culture of ethical compliance, enhance awareness and improve training from top to bottom.

David has also been honored to serve as an adjunct law professor teaching legal ethics and professional responsibility.

Areas of Practice

Legal Ethics/Professional Liability

Bar Admissions

New York, 2002

U.S. District Court Eastern District of New York, 2002

U.S. District Court Southern District of New York, 2002

Education

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, District of Columbia

J.D. - 2001

Colgate University

B.A. *cum laude* - 1998

Major: Political Science

Published Works

Co-Author, Extended Leave Can Be Aspect Of Accommodation, National Law Journal, June 6, 2005

Co-Author, A 'Safe Harbor' for Future Conflicts Waivers, ABA/BNA Lawyers' Manual on Professional Conduct, Bloomberg BNA, 2013

Co-Author, In With the Rules, Out With the Code, New York State Bar Association Journal, June, 2009

Inadvertent Electronic Disclosure Q&A, Practising Law Institute's All-Star Briefing, July, 2009

Honors and Awards

Legal Aid Society Pro Bono Publico Award

Proskauer Rose Golden Gavel Book Award

Super Lawyers List, New York Metro Edition, 2015 - Present

Rising Star Super Lawyers List, New York Metro Edition, 2013 - 2014

Empire State Counsel, New York State Bar Association, 2007 - 2010

Professional Associations and Memberships

New York City Bar Association, Member

New York County Lawyers Association's Ethics Institute's Board of Advisors, Member

Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers, Member

New York City Bar Association, Professional Responsibility Committee, Chair

New York State Bar Association's Committee on Standards of Attorney Conduct (COSAC)

NYSBA, Task Force on Non-Lawyer Ownership, Vice-Chair

NYC Bar Association's Council on the Profession