The Ethics of Practicing Law Remotely: How to Ethically Navigate the Remote Practice of Law Post-Covid

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ABA Formal Opinion 498

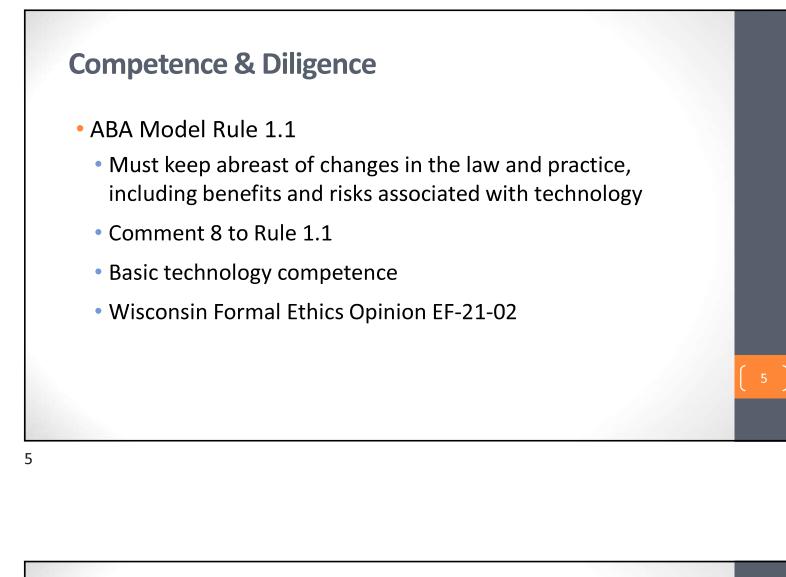
- Virtual Practice = Beyond the traditional brick & mortar law firm
- Competence
- Diligence
- Communications (especially when using technology)
- Confidentiality
- Supervision

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<section-header> **ABA Formal Opinion 498**In general, same ethical rules apply to both traditional and virtual practice If you are prohibited from doing it in person, you are still prohibited if virtual Are your technology and work environment consistent with your ethical obligations? In some instances, ethical obligations may be more, not less

Competence & Diligence

- ABA Formal Opinion 482 (2018)
 - Ethical Obligations Related to Disasters
 - Business Continuation Plan
 - Keep clients informed
 - Keep matters moving forward
 - Safeguard client information and property
 - Preparing for business interruption



Competence & Diligence

- ABA Model Rule 1.3
 - Comment 1 to Rule 1.3
 - A lawyer must pursue a matter on behalf of a client despite opposition, obstruction, or personal inconvenience to the lawyer
 - Client obligations trump personal obligations

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