

ETHICS OF CRIMINAL APPELLATE PRACTICE

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What an interesting time to speak
on Ethics!



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That said, I'll stay out of trouble and stick to the Texas ethical issues.

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Standards for Appellate Conduct

- ▶ Lawyers' Duties to Clients
- ▶ Lawyers' Duties to the Court
- ▶ Lawyers' Duties to Lawyers
- ▶ Court's Relationship with Counsel
- ▶ These standards are to provide guidance to appellate practitioners, but only violations of the Disciplinary Rules are subject to sanction by the State Bar.

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Discipline Stats for 2021-2022

- ▶ 400 Sanctions
- ▶ 21 Disbarments
- ▶ 39 Public Reprimands
- ▶ 94 Private Reprimands
- ▶ 120 Suspensions
- ▶ 27 Resignations in Lieu of Discipline
- ▶ 99 Grievance Referral Program

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Gender and Race Stats for Discipline 2021-2022

- ▶ 79% male
- ▶ 21% female
- ▶ 57% White/Caucasian
- ▶ 16% Hispanic/Latino
- ▶ 14% Black/African American
- ▶ 2% Asian
- ▶ 11% Other

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