

THE NEW DISCIPLINARY RULES

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OVERVIEW

❖ History

- Sunset Advisory Commission
- 85th Texas Legislative Session
- Supreme Court of Texas

❖ Codified Changes

- Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct
- Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure

SUNSET ADVISORY COMMISSION

2016 – 2017 Review Cycle

❖ Process

- Evaluation
 - Issues/Recommendations
- Deliberation
 - Public Hearings
- Legislative Action
 - Sunset Staff Report with Final Results

SUNSET ADVISORY COMMISSION

Issues Found

- ❖ Texas has a continuing need for the State Bar.
- ❖ The rulemaking process at the State Bar obstructs changes needed to effectively regulate attorneys.
- ❖ The State Bar does not maximize informal dispute resolution to most effectively resolve grievances against attorneys.
- ❖ Texas' attorney discipline system lacks best practices needed to ensure fair, effective regulation to protect the public.

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