

Do You Think You Know Ethics? (The Game Show)

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If the court of appeals determines that an appeal is frivolous, it may - on motion of any party or on its own initiative, after notice and a reasonable opportunity for response - award each prevailing party just damages. In determining whether to award damages, the court must not consider any matter that does not appear in the record, briefs, or other papers filed in the court of appeals.

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Question 2

To determine whether an appeal is frivolous, the Court reviews the record from the standpoint of:

- A. The advocate, objectively.
- B. The advocate, subjectively.
- C. The reasonably prudent practitioner.
- D. The Court.

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