

# THE NEW DISCIPLINARY RULES

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## OVERVIEW

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### ❖ History

- Sunset Advisory Commission
- 85<sup>th</sup> 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

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## ❖ Process

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

# SUNSET ADVISORY COMMISSION

Issues Found

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- ❖ 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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