



New Jersey Judiciary
Attorney Ethics Grievance
Office of Attorney Ethics



Please type or clearly print all information.

A. Grievant Information

Last Name (include: Sr. / Jr. / III, etc.)		First Name		Middle Name	
Address			City	State	Zip
Telephone	Email			County	

B. Specific Lawyer's Information - Specific lawyer you are making a complaint against.

Last Name (include: Sr. / Jr. / III, etc.)		First Name		Middle Name	
Office Address			City	State	Zip
Telephone	Email			County	

1. The specific lawyer you are making a complaint against, is this your lawyer? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. If so, does this lawyer still represent you? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. If not, do you have a new lawyer? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4. If so, who is the new lawyer? Please specify _____

C. Case Type – Specify what case type was handled by the specific lawyer (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Admiral / Maritime | <input type="checkbox"/> Estate / Probate | <input type="checkbox"/> Negligence (Personal Injury)
Property Damage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption / Name Change | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Remedies / Civil
Rights | <input type="checkbox"/> Patent / Trademark/
Copyright |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bankruptcy / Insolvency/
Foreclosure | <input type="checkbox"/> Government Agency
Problems (local through
federal) | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collection | <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration /
Naturalization | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Claims Court |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contract | <input type="checkbox"/> International Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Tax |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation / Partnership
Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Delinquency | <input type="checkbox"/> Workers' Compensation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal, Quasi-Criminal, and
Municipal Court | <input type="checkbox"/> Labor | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Litigation (specify)
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Relations (divorce,
support, or custody) | <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord Tenant Matters | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Non-Litigation (specify)
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Is the case handled by the specific lawyer still pending? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Attorney Ethics Grievance**D. Other related complaints or litigations:**

1. Have you filed a complaint regarding this matter with law enforcement authorities or any other state or federal agency? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please specify below.

Name of Agency		Date Filed
Result of complaint / litigation	Contact Person	
2. Is the matter you are complaining about the subject of a pending civil lawsuit, family court proceedings, or a criminal matter? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please specify below.		
Name of Court	Docket Number	County

E. Nature of Grievance:

State what the specific lawyer did or failed to do which may be unethical. State all relevant **facts** including dates, times, places, names, and addresses of important witnesses. Attach copies of any important letters and documents. Use additional sheet(s) only if necessary.

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F. Investigative Confidentiality

The Supreme Court of New Jersey has held that persons who file grievances “may speak publicly regarding the fact that a grievance was filed, the content of that grievance, and the result of the process.” Since disciplinary officials are required by R. 1:20-9(h) to maintain the confidentiality of the investigation process and may neither speak about the case nor release any documents, until and unless a formal complaint is issued and served, you must also keep confidential any documents you may receive during the course of the investigation of your grievance.

To protect the integrity of the investigation process, we recommend that you, as well as all witnesses, not speak about the case other than to disciplinary officials while the matter is under investigation. So long as you maintain the confidentiality of the investigation process, you have immunity from suit for anything you say or write to disciplinary officials. However, the Supreme Court has stated that you “are not immune for statements made outside the context of a disciplinary matter, such as to the media or in another public forum.” R.M. v. Supreme Court of New Jersey, 185 N.J. 208 (2005).

Please notify the district secretary of any disability accommodation needed.

Pursuant to R. 1:20-3(e), please allow up to 45 days of review of grievance upon receipt by the district secretary.

_____	s/
Date	Signature of Grievant

For Secretary's Use Only

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Date Docketed	Docket Number