

NOTICE TO THE BAR

SUPREME COURT ACTION ON THE 2024-2026 REPORT OF THE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY RULES COMMITTEE – AMENDMENTS TO RPC’S 1.8 AND 1.13

This notice sets forth the Supreme Court’s actions on the recommendations of the Professional Responsibility Rules Committee (PRRC) as contained in the PRRC’s 2024-2026 Report. The Court made its determinations after publication of the report for comment and considering the comments submitted.

As set forth in the [2026 Omnibus Rule Amendment Order](#), issued today, the Court amended RPC 1.8 (“Conflict of Interest: Current Clients; Specific Rules”) so as to add a new paragraph (k) prohibiting lawyers from having sexual relations with a client, including members of the litigation control group of an organizational client, unless a consensual relationship existed between them at the time the client-lawyer relationship commenced. The Court also adopted related amendments to paragraph (a) of RPC 1.13 (“Organization as the Client”) to add new RPC 1.8(k) to the list of RPCs where a lawyer for an organization is deemed to represent not only the organizational entity but also the members of its litigation control group. These amendments become effective September 1, 2026.

The Court concurred with the PRRC not to amend paragraph (d) of RPC 1.2 (“Scope of Representation and Allocation of Authority Between Client and Lawyer”) at this time to include reference to psychedelic drugs, including the drug psilocybin.



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