

Sex With Clients Is Flirting With Disaster

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The number of cases involving intimate relations between attorneys and their clients reflects a growing problem that threatens not only the participating parties, but their colleagues and law firm partners.

Increasingly, bar associations have reacted swiftly and severely to situations in which there was even a mere suggestion that an attorney exploited a client relationship, acted improperly or engaged in an intimate relationship with a client. In recent years, at least 29 states, including California, have adopted rules that tie professional sanctions or disbarment to sexual contact with a client.

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