

Developments in Legal Ethics

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The Authors compare the developments in Legal Ethics as espoused in the Supreme Court-issued Code of Professional Responsibility (CPR) and the Canons of Professional Ethics (CPE). The Authors conclude that the CPR is more attuned to the present situation than the CPE.

The CPR has implications on the duties of a lawyer, the choice of a firm name, division of fees, and admission to the bar. The CPR stresses that present, and even future, members of the Bar should not only be law-abiding citizens, but also morally upright. The Authors then examine jurisprudence that emerged after the CPR in light of clarified duties and roles of members of the legal profession.

The CPR has clarified and updated the duties of the legal profession. Nevertheless, Legal Ethics require not only obedience to these maxims but also to relevant laws and jurisprudence.