

Rule 1.3 Diligence

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- (a) A lawyer shall not intentionally, recklessly, with gross negligence, or repeatedly fail to act with reasonable* diligence in representing a client.
- (b) For purposes of this Rule, “reasonable diligence” shall mean that a lawyer acts with commitment and dedication to the interests of the client and does not neglect or disregard, or without just cause, unduly delay a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer.

Comment

[1] This Rule addresses only a lawyer's responsibility for his or her own professional diligence. See Rules 5.1 and 5.3 with respect to a lawyer's disciplinary responsibility for supervising subordinate lawyers and nonlawyers.

[2] See Rule 1.1 with respect to a lawyer's duty to perform legal services with competence.