

ABA FORMAL OPINIONS REQUIRED FOR CLASS

The MPRE always includes two or more questions based on ABA Formal Opinions from the last few years, and I ask a few questions on my exam about them, especially the most recent ones. **Focus on** the summary/abstract at the beginning of each one. **Skim** the remainder of each one to see examples or illustrations they set forth.

Here are the links (if these links do not work, they are also available on WESTLAW):

- ABA Formal Opinion 485: [Judges Performing Same-Sex Marriages](#) (February 14, 2019)
- ABA Formal Opinion 484: [A Lawyer's Obligations When Clients Use Companies or Brokers to Finance the Lawyer's Fee](#) (November 27, 2018)
- ABA Formal Opinion 483: [Lawyers' Obligations After an Electronic Data Breach or Cyberattack](#) (October 17, 2018)
- ABA Formal Opinion 482: [Ethical Obligations Related to Disasters](#) (September 19, 2018)
- ABA Formal Opinion 481: [A Lawyer's Duty to Inform a Current or Former Client of the Lawyer's Material Error](#) (April 17, 2018)
- ABA Formal Opinion 480: [Confidentiality Obligations for Lawyer Blogging and Other Public Commentary](#) (March 6, 2018)
- ABA Formal Opinion 479: [The "Generally Known" Exception to Former-Client Confidentiality](#) (December 15, 2017)
- ABA Formal Opinion 478: [Independent Factual Research by Judges Via the Internet](#) (December 8, 2017)
- ABA Formal Opinion 477: [Securing Communication of Protected Client Information](#) (May 11, 2017)
- ABA Formal Opinion 476: [Confidentiality Issues when Moving to Withdraw for Nonpayment of Fees in Civil Litigation](#) (December 19, 2016)
- ABA Formal Opinion 475: [Safeguarding Fees That Are Subject to Division With Other Counsel](#) (December 7, 2016)
- ABA Formal Opinion 474: [Referral Fees and Conflict of Interest](#) (April 21, 2016)
- ABA Formal Opinion 473: [Obligations Upon Receiving a Subpoena or Other Compulsory Process for Client Documents or Information](#) (February 17, 2016)
- ABA Formal Opinion 472: [Communication with Person Receiving Limited-Scope Legal Services](#) (November 30, 2015)

- ABA Formal Opinion 471: [Ethical Obligations of Lawyer to Surrender Papers and Property to which Former Client is Entitled](#) (July 1, 2015)
- ABA Formal Opinion 468: [Facilitating the Sale of a Law Practice](#) (October 8, 2014)

PLEASE NOTE that the ABA amended the advertising rules (Model Rules 7.1-7.5) in the first week of August 2018, deleting Rules 7.4 & 7.5 and moving their provisions into the Comment section of 7.1-7.3. The only substantive change that affects the questions in the *Glannon Guide* is the repeal of the former requirement that mailed solicitations from lawyers contain the words “Advertising Material” on the outside of the envelope and beginning of the letter inside – watch for this in a few of the questions in that chapter. The final exam will not include questions about whether the phrase “advertising material” must appear on mailed solicitations by lawyers. It will include other questions about the advertising rules. The MPRE will start testing on these changed rules in August 2019.