

STATE OF MAINE
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE
MAINE RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

1. Rule 8.4 of the Maine Rules of Professional Conduct is amended to add new subdivision g as follows:

RULE 8.4 MISCONDUCT

It is professional misconduct for a lawyer to:

- (a) violate or attempt to violate any provision of either the Maine Rules of Professional Conduct or the Maine Bar Rules, or knowingly assist or induce another to do so, or do so through the acts of another;
- (b) commit a criminal or unlawful act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer in other respects;
- (c) engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation;
- (d) engage in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice;
- (e) state or imply an ability to influence improperly a government agency or official or to achieve results by means that violate the Maine Rules of Professional Conduct, the Maine Bar Rules or law; ~~or~~
- (f) knowingly assist a judge or judicial officer in conduct that is a violation of applicable rules of judicial conduct or law; or
- (g) engage in unlawful harassment or unlawful discrimination.

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Maine has considered, but not adopted, the ABA Model Rule 8.4(g). Maine's version makes a statement to all attorneys that the profession does not tolerate unlawful harassment or unlawful discrimination.