

**JOINT ORDER OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE NEW YORK STATE
SUPREME COURT, APPELLATE DIVISION**

The Judicial Departments of the Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court, pursuant to the authority vested in them, do hereby amend Part 1200 (Rules of Professional Conduct, Rule 8.4[g]) and Part 1210 (Statement of Client's Rights) of Title 22 of the Official Compilation of Codes Rules, and Regulations of the State of New York, as follows, effective June 1, 2018:

Part 1200. Attorney Rules of Professional Conduct

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Rule 8.4. Misconduct

A lawyer or law firm shall not:

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(g) unlawfully discriminate in the practice of law, including in hiring, promoting or otherwise determining conditions of employment on the basis of age, race, creed, color, national origin, sex, disability, marital status, ~~or~~ sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. Where there is a tribunal with jurisdiction to hear a complaint, if timely brought, other than a Departmental Disciplinary Committee, a complaint based on unlawful discrimination shall be brought before such tribunal in the first instance. A certified copy of a determination by such a tribunal, which has become final and enforceable and as to which the right to judicial or appellate review has been exhausted, finding that the lawyer has engaged in an unlawful discriminatory practice shall constitute prima facie evidence of professional misconduct in a disciplinary proceeding ...

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Part 1210. Statement of Client's Rights

§1210.1. Posting

Every attorney with an office located in the State of New York shall insure that there is posted in that office, in a manner visible to clients of the attorney, a statement of client's rights in the form set forth below. Attorneys in offices that provide legal services without fee may delete from the statement those provisions dealing with fees. The statement shall contain the following:

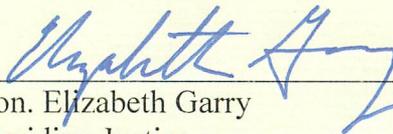
STATEMENT OF CLIENT'S RIGHTS

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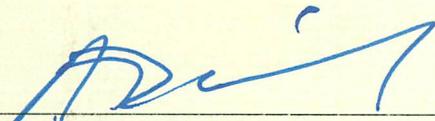
10. You may not be refused representation on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, national origin, or disability.



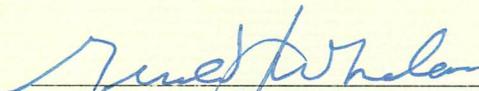
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Hon. Gerald J. Whalen
Presiding Justice
Fourth Judicial Department

Dated: May 22, 2018