

**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 Rule 8.4(g), of the Rules of Professional Conduct (Part 1200) and Section 1210.1(10) of the Statement of Client's Rights (Part 1210) of Title 22 of the Official Compilation of the Codes, Rules, and Regulations of the State of New York, effective June 1, 2026, as follows:

*Paragraph (g) of Rule 8.4 of the Rules of Professional Conduct (22 NYCRR Part 1200) is hereby amended to read as follows (deletions in ~~strikethrough~~, and additions underscored):*

Rule 8.4. Misconduct

A lawyer or law firm shall not:

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(g) engage in conduct in the practice of law that the lawyer or law firm knows or reasonably should know constitutes:

- (1) unlawful discrimination, or
- (2) harassment, whether or not unlawful, on the basis of one or more of the following protected categories: race, color, sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes, and reproductive healthcare and autonomy, religion, national origin, ethnicity, disability, age, ~~sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression~~, marital status, status as a member of the military, or status as a military veteran.
- (3) "Harassment" for purposes of this Rule, means physical contact, verbal conduct, and/or nonverbal conduct such as gestures or facial expressions that is:
  - a. directed at an individual or specific individuals; and
  - b. derogatory or demeaning.

Conduct that a reasonable person would consider as petty slights or trivial inconveniences does not rise to the level of harassment under this Rule.

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*Subdivision 10 of Section 1210.1 of the Statement of Clients Rights (22 NYCRR Part 1210) is hereby amended to read as follows (deletions in ~~strikethrough~~, and additions underscored):*

§ 1210.1. Posting

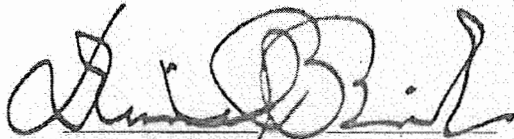
Every attorney with an office located in the State of New York shall insure that there is posted in that office, in a manner visible to clients of the attorney, a statement of client's rights in the form set forth below. Attorneys in offices that provide legal services without fee may delete from the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

STATEMENT OF CLIENTS RIGHTS

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10. You may not be refused representation on the basis of race, creed, color, ethnicity, religion, sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes, and reproductive healthcare and autonomy, age, national origin, or disability.

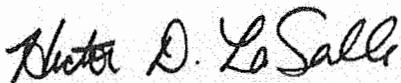
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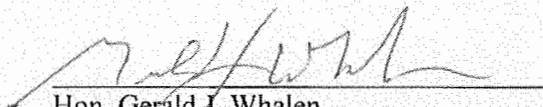
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