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Directions for Filing a Complaint

You have several options to file a complaint: online, mail or fax.

Complaints may be filed online at http://lprb.mncourts.gov. Supporting documents can be submitted electronically to OLPRComplaintDocs@courts.state.mn.us.

You can print out the complaint form (or have us mail it to you) and mail or fax it with supporting documents to:

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You will receive a letter from us in approximately two weeks informing you how your complaint will be handled. Not all complaints are investigated. If we decide to investigate, either our Office or a District Ethics Committee (DEC) will investigate. Most complaints are first referred to a DEC, which includes attorney members and non-lawyer public members. The DEC appoints an investigator. The investigator contacts the attorney and the complainant (if more information is necessary), and makes a recommendation to the Director.

In all cases, we are required to send a copy of the complaint to the complained against lawyer even if we decide not to investigate the complaint. If you are not comfortable with the attorney having certain information, do not put it in your complaint. The investigation usually takes at least three months or longer. You will be notified of the final disposition in writing.