

Rule 2.8

**CONDUCT OF ATTORNEYS**

(a) **Prohibition of Extrajudicial Statements.** A lawyer or law firm associated with a civil action shall not during its investigation or litigation make or participate in making an extrajudicial statement, other than a quotation from or reference to public records, which a reasonable person would expect to be disseminated by means of public communication, if there is a reasonable likelihood that such dissemination will interfere with a fair trial and which relates to:

(1) evidence regarding the occurrence or transaction involved;

(2) the character, credibility, or criminal record of a party, witness or prospective witness;

(3) the performance or results of any examination or tests or the refusal or failure of a party to submit to such;

(4) his or her opinion as to the merits of the claims or defenses of a party except as required by law or administrative rules; or

(5) any other matter reasonably likely to interfere with a fair trial of the action.

(b) **Reference to Local Rule 4.13(f).** In a widely publicized or sensational case, the Court, on motion of either party or on its own motion, may issue a special order similar to that provided for by Local Rule 4.13(f).