

Complaints Authorization Committee

Practice Standard

Advising Clients

Complaints Authorization Committee Meeting April 30, 2001

Benchers' Notes June 2001

The Complaints Authorization Committee recommended and Benchers are reviewing proposed amendments to the Code of Professional Conduct, chapter III. The effect of the proposed changes is a codification of the lawyer's duty when representing clients with special needs or under an incapacity.

Chapter III of the Code was amended by Benchers on December 3, 2001 to add Rule b which prescribes *A lawyer must use reasonable efforts to ensure that the client comprehends the lawyer's advice and recommendations.* Commentary 5 re *Special Needs Clients* was also added.