

**RULE CHANGE 2026(02)**

**COLORADO RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

Preamble and Scope and Rule 1.1

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### COMMENT

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**Amended and Adopted by the Court, En Banc, January 8, 2026, effective immediately.**

**By the Court:**

**William W. Hood, III  
Justice, Colorado Supreme Court**