

2016 "Year in Review"

- Ethics and malpractice-related decisions and rule changes that have come out since last year's CLE (end of 2015 and 2016 thus far)
- Changes to the Rules of Professional Conduct, the Rules for Lawyer Disciplinary Enforcement, SC Bar Ethics Advisory Opinions, Supreme Court disciplinary opinions, and any malpractice and ethics-related civil opinions from the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court, including an update on two UPL petitions currently pending before the court (Boone v. Quicken and RTT v. Peck)
- New ethics issues that are being decided in other states and/or pending before our own Ethics Advisory Committee
- Rule change proposals that are pending either at the PR Committee or at the Court, and ABA Rule Changes that have not yet been proposed or considered in SC

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Mr. Virzi has served on the South Carolina Bar's Professional Responsibility Committee since 2011 and the Ethics Advisory Committee since 2003, including as Chair from 2007–2010. He is a member of several state and national organizations involving legal ethics and is a frequent CLE speaker and law school guest lecturer on the topics of legal ethics and the disciplinary process.