

2.6.03 | CONFIDENTIALITY

Statements and comments made during mediation conferences and papers or electronic information generated during the process are not included in court files except to the extent disclosed by orders entered under Local Rule 33. Information disclosed in the mediation process shall be kept confidential and shall not be disclosed to the judges deciding the appeal or to any other person outside the mediation program participants. The mediator, attorneys, and other participants in a mediation shall not disclose any statements, documents, or discussions without prior approval of the Standing Panel on Attorney Discipline. Any alleged violations of the confidentiality requirements of Local Rule 33 shall be referred to the Standing Panel on Attorney Discipline for a determination of whether imposition of discipline is warranted.

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