13-2406. Duty of loyalty; definition.

A lawyer has a duty of loyalty to a client. A lawyer breaches the duty of loyalty by putting the lawyer's own interests, or the interests of another, before those of the client.

USE NOTES

This instruction should be given when the plaintiff claims that a lawyer has breached the duty of loyalty.

If at issue, the jury should be instructed on the Rules of Professional Conduct. See UJI 13-2411 NMRA.

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