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Please read all instructions carefully before completing the inquiry/complaint form. If the form is not properly completed it may be returned for correction. **You may submit up to a total of 25 pages including the inquiry/complaint form and exhibits.** You may indicate that additional evidence or exhibits are available upon request. Please legibly print or type in black ink only.

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**PART ONE** – Complainant Information. You must give your name, address, email address and phone number. If you have already contacted ACAP, please indicate your ACAP reference number in the space provided. If your inquiry/complaint pertains to a matter currently in litigation, please indicate that in the space provided.

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**PART FIVE** – Signature. You must sign the form and certify under penalty of perjury that your allegations are true. Unsworn complaints are not considered. **Submit the inquiry/complaint form to our office via U.S. Mail at:**

The Florida Bar  
Attn.: ACAP  
651 East Jefferson Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300

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1. Please limit your submission to **no more than 25 pages including exhibits**. If you have additional documents or material available, please reference the documents and/or materials in your written submission as available upon request. Should The Florida Bar need to obtain copies of any such documents and/or materials, a subsequent request will be sent to you.
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# The Florida Bar Inquiry/Complaint Form

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**PART ONE (See Page 1, PART ONE – Complainant Information.):**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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ACAP Reference No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PART FIVE (See Page 1, PART FIVE – Acknowledge Oath and Signature.):**

YOU MUST PLACE YOUR MARK IN THE BOX ACKNOWLEDGING THE OATH AND YOU MUST SIGN YOUR FULL NAME BELOW.

**Under penalties of perjury, I declare that the foregoing facts are true, correct and complete.**

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Print Name

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Signature

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Date

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## **PART 3 & PART 4 – Grievances and Sources for Claims Against Attorney, Pamela Jo Bondi ("Pam Bondi")**

U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi's professional conduct, as reported through the sources outlined in this complaint, appear to conflict with The Florida Bar's Guidelines for Professional Conduct.

I understand that the Florida Bar has some of the highest ethical standards for licensed attorneys in the United States. To maintain that hard earned reputation, it is crucial that The Bar investigate the actions outlined below and that The Bar hold Attorney, Pam Bondi, to the same high standards required of the 100,000+ licensed attorneys in the State of Florida.

### **1. Disregard for Judicial Authority and Due Process:**

Attorney General Bondi's handling of the deportation case involving Kilmar Abrego Garcia raises significant concerns. Despite a federal court order prohibiting Garcia's removal, he was deported to El Salvador. Judge Paula Xinis described the detention and deportation as "wholly lawless," noting the absence of legal grounds for such actions. Bondi's response, emphasizing the need to "vigorously argue on behalf of your client," suggests a prioritization of administrative directives over judicial mandates, potentially undermining the rule of law. Bondi appears to believe that Donald Trump is her "client."

### **2. Politicization of the Department of Justice:**

Bondi's tenure and actions prior to becoming Attorney General has been marked by actions that suggest the politicization of the Department of Justice (DOJ). Her involvement in efforts to overturn the 2020 election results, including public assertions of voter fraud without substantiated evidence, reflects a potential misuse of legal authority for political ends. Such actions may compromise the perceived impartiality and integrity of the DOJ.

### **3. Ethical Concerns Regarding Campaign Contributions:**

In 2013, Bondi's political action committee received a \$25,000 donation from the Donald J. Trump Foundation while her office was considering joining a lawsuit against Trump University. Subsequently, her office declined to pursue the case. The Internal Revenue Service later determined that the donation violated laws against political contributions from nonprofit organizations. This sequence of events raises questions about potential conflicts of interest and adherence to ethical standards.

### **4. Undermining Civil Rights Protections:**

Bondi's actions have also raised concerns regarding the protection of civil rights. Her directive to dismiss lawsuits related to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives in public safety departments suggests a departure from established civil rights enforcement practices. Such decisions may reflect a disregard for efforts to address systemic discrimination.

### **5. Making False Statements to Congress and the Public Regarding the Epstein Files:**

In a February 2025 interview on Fox News, Bondi stated that an Epstein "client list" was "sitting on my desk right now to review." In July 2025, the DOJ and FBI released a memo stating that their systematic review revealed no such client list existed. Bondi never corrected her original public statement. When senators questioned Bondi during a February 2026 Senate Judiciary Committee hearing, she refused to

answer questions about Trump's involvement with Epstein, declined to acknowledge Epstein's victims, and responded by attacking the lawmakers questioning her. Additionally, on February 14, 2026, Bondi publicly stated that all materials required to be released under the Epstein Transparency Act had been released. Independent estimates indicate that only approximately 2% of total relevant data had actually been made public, with roughly 2.5 million pages remaining sealed.

***Relevant Guideline: L. Trial Conduct and Courtroom Decorum, §5***

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***Relevant Guideline: Preamble***

*"To the judiciary, a lawyer owes candor, diligence, and utmost respect... fundamental duties of personal dignity and professional integrity."*

**Analysis:** Making a verifiably false public claim about evidence in her possession, allowing that claim to stand for months while it was used to deflect bipartisan congressional scrutiny, and then claiming full compliance with a transparency law while releasing only a fraction of the relevant materials constitutes a sustained pattern of misleading statements that violates the duty of candor expected of any attorney.

**6. Weaponizing the Department of Justice to Prosecute Political Opponents:**

During her January 2025 confirmation hearing, Bondi stated under oath that she would not prosecute Trump's political opponents. In September 2025, after Trump posted on Truth Social demanding prosecutions, the DOJ secured indictments against former FBI Director James Comey and New York Attorney General Letitia James. A federal judge dismissed both cases weeks later after finding that the prosecutor who filed them, Lindsey Halligan, was illegally serving in her position. Grand juries subsequently refused to bring new charges against James. Under Bondi's leadership, the DOJ also opened investigations into Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell, Senator Adam Schiff, and former intelligence officials James Clapper and John Brennan. A federal grand jury refused to indict Democratic lawmakers targeted by the DOJ.

***Relevant Guideline: A. General Principles, §7***

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***Relevant Guideline: Preamble***

*"To the administration of justice, a lawyer unquestionably owes the fundamental duties of personal dignity and professional integrity."*

**Analysis:** Initiating criminal prosecutions at the direct, public command of the President against his named political enemies—using an improperly appointed prosecutor whose cases were immediately thrown out—represents the legal process being used as a tool of harassment and political retaliation. That Bondi had promised under oath during her confirmation not to do this compounds the violation.

**7. Retaliatory Targeting of Law Firms for Representing Disfavored Clients:**

Under Bondi's leadership, the DOJ defended and enforced executive orders targeting six major law firms: Perkins Coie, Covington & Burling, Paul Weiss, WilmerHale, Jenner & Block, and Susman

Godfrey. The firms were targeted for representing clients the President disliked. The executive orders suspended security clearances, restricted employee access to federal buildings, directed agencies to terminate contracts, and barred the government from hiring the firms' attorneys. Four of the six firms sued and all four won. In May 2025, U.S. District Judge Beryl Howell permanently blocked the Perkins Coie order, ruling it was "an unprecedented attack" on the legal system that violated the First, Fifth, and Sixth Amendments. More than 500 law firms signed an amicus brief in support. Over 4,300 lawyers sent a letter to Bondi urging her to defend the legal system. Bondi's brother, Bradley Bondi, simultaneously ran for president of the D.C. Bar, which oversees lawyer discipline.

***Relevant Guideline: Preamble***

*"Coupled with those duties is a lawyer's duty of courtesy and cooperation with fellow professionals for the efficient administration of our system of justice and the respect of the public it serves."*

***Relevant Guideline: A. General Principles, §1***

*"A lawyer is both an officer of the court and an advocate. As such, the lawyer always should strive to uphold the honor and dignity of the profession."*

**Analysis:** Punishing law firms for representing their clients strikes at the foundational right to counsel. Multiple federal judges found these actions unconstitutional. An attorney who uses her office to intimidate fellow attorneys out of representing disfavored clients is not upholding the honor and dignity of the profession.

## **8. Destroying DOJ Independence and Gutting Public Integrity and Civil Rights**

### **Enforcement:**

Under Bondi's leadership, the DOJ fired prosecutors and FBI officials who worked on January 6th Capitol riot cases or who participated in investigations of Trump. The Public Integrity Section—the elite unit dedicated to fighting corruption by federal officials—was reduced from 36 employees to two, a 94% reduction. The Civil Rights Division experienced a mass exodus of career attorneys who stated it was being turned into an enforcement arm of the White House. In October 2025, 282 former DOJ employees signed a public letter stating that each of them left the department "either voluntarily or involuntarily, because of actions taken by this administration." Former DOJ attorney Stacey Young stated that Bondi "took a sledgehammer to the Justice Department and its workforce" and that "DOJ's independence, integrity, and workforce have degraded more under her leadership than at any other time during the department's 155-year history."

***Relevant Guideline: A. General Principles, §1***

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**Analysis:** Systematically dismantling the government divisions tasked with holding powerful officials accountable and protecting citizens' constitutional rights—in order to shield political allies from scrutiny—represents a fundamental betrayal of an attorney's duty to uphold the administration of justice. Reducing the Public Integrity Section by 94% effectively immunizes government corruption.

## **9. Defiance of Court Orders and Bad Faith in the Abrego Garcia Case (Expanded):**

Beyond the initial deportation documented above, Bondi's DOJ engaged in sustained defiance of court orders. After the Supreme Court unanimously ruled in April 2025 that the district court properly required the government to facilitate Abrego Garcia's return, the DOJ engaged in what Judge Paula Xinis found to be a "pattern of deliberate delay and bad faith," including frivolous interrogatory responses and obstructed depositions. A federal appeals court characterized the government's position as "asserting a right to stash away residents of this country in foreign prisons without the semblance of due process." When the administration returned Abrego Garcia in June 2025, it indicted him on charges stemming from a 2022 traffic stop. Unsealed court records revealed DOJ officials called the prosecution a "top priority" after he challenged his deportation. A federal judge found sufficient evidence to create a presumption of vindictive prosecution. In October 2025, a federal judge ordered Bondi and DHS to stop making inflammatory public comments that could jeopardize Abrego Garcia's right to a fair trial. The administration subsequently attempted to deport him to Liberia and Uganda—countries he has no connection to.

### ***Relevant Guideline: Preamble***

*"To the judiciary, a lawyer owes candor, diligence, and utmost respect."*

### ***Relevant Guideline: A. General Principles, §7***

*"A lawyer must not use any aspect of the litigation process... as a means of harassment."*

### ***Relevant Guideline: L. Trial Conduct and Courtroom Decorum, §5***

*"A lawyer should not knowingly misstate, distort, or improperly exaggerate any fact or opinion."*

**Analysis:** Defying a court order, engaging in discovery obstruction, initiating what a federal judge found may be a vindictive prosecution, and making public statements so prejudicial that a judge had to order the Attorney General to stop speaking publicly about the defendant—each would independently warrant disciplinary review. Together, they represent the most systematic contempt for judicial authority ever demonstrated by a sitting Attorney General.

## **10. Obstruction of Congressional Oversight and Evasion of Subpoena:**

The DOJ under Bondi failed to meet the 30-day deadline established by the Epstein Files Transparency Act. Bondi distributed binders labeled "Epstein Files" to MAGA influencers at the White House that contained largely already-public documents. In July 2025, the DOJ quietly closed ongoing investigations into Epstein co-conspirators per an internal memo—a decision Bondi concealed from Congress. After being fired in April 2026, Bondi attempted to evade a House Oversight Committee subpoena, with the DOJ arguing the subpoena "no longer obligates her to appear" because she no longer held office. Bipartisan lawmakers including Representatives Nancy Mace (R-SC) and Ro Khanna (D-CA) rejected this argument and called for contempt charges. Reports indicate that Trump himself did not want the files released because they contained his name, meaning Bondi may have obstructed transparency to protect the President at the expense of her obligations to the public and to Congress.

### ***Relevant Guideline: A. General Principles, §2***

*"A lawyer's word (whether orally or in writing) should be his or her bond."*

***Relevant Guideline: L. Trial Conduct and Courtroom Decorum, §5***

*"A lawyer should not knowingly misstate, distort, or improperly exaggerate any fact or opinion nor permit the lawyer's silence or inaction to mislead anyone."*

**Analysis:** Promising transparency, delivering theater, quietly shutting down investigations, concealing that fact from Congress, and then attempting to dodge a subpoena by exploiting the timing of her own firing is a sustained pattern of deception. A lawyer whose word is supposed to be her bond cannot promise the public and Congress one thing while doing the opposite behind closed doors.

**11. Demanding State Voter Rolls Without Legal Basis:**

Under Bondi's direction, the DOJ demanded voter data from 40 U.S. states. Federal judges dismissed the resulting lawsuits in California, Georgia, Oregon, and Michigan, finding the DOJ lacked evidence or legal support for its demands. In January 2026, Bondi sent a letter to Minnesota Governor Tim Walz demanding voter rolls including public assistance recipient information, claiming the data would benefit ICE immigration enforcement—conflating election integrity with immigration enforcement. In early February 2026, after a judge had already dismissed the federal government's request for Georgia voter rolls as unsubstantiated, the FBI conducted a raid on a Fulton County election office to seize records.

***Relevant Guideline: A. General Principles, §7***

*"A lawyer must not use any aspect of the litigation process, including discovery and motion practice, as a means of harassment or to unnecessarily prolong litigation or increase litigation expenses."*

***Relevant Guideline: L. Trial Conduct and Courtroom Decorum, §5***

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**Analysis:** Filing lawsuits that four separate federal judges found lacked evidentiary support, then authorizing a law enforcement raid on an election office after a judge had already rejected the underlying legal demand, constitutes misuse of legal process and a campaign of legal harassment against state election officials.

**12. Threats Against the American Bar Association:**

Shortly after joining the DOJ, Bondi threatened the American Bar Association's law school accreditation powers over the ABA's diversity mandates. Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche issued a ban preventing DOJ employees from participating in ABA events. The ABA subsequently filed suit against the Trump administration, arguing that the executive orders against law firms created "a chill over the whole of the legal profession" and constituted "a deliberate policy designed to intimidate and coerce law firms and lawyers."

***Relevant Guideline: Preamble***

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***Relevant Guideline: A. General Principles, §1***

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**Analysis:** Using the power of the Attorney General's office to threaten the primary professional organization responsible for maintaining legal education standards—because its policies conflict with the administration's political preferences—represents a direct attack on the self-governing structure of the legal profession.

## **Pam Bondi's Conduct May Have Directly Violated The Florida Bar's Guidelines for Professional Conduct**

The Florida Bar's Guidelines for Professional Conduct require some of the highest standards for practicing attorneys in the United States. Should the bar expect all attorneys to meet those high standards, they should take immediate action in regard to Attorney General Pam Bondi's potential violations, as outlined below.

### **A. Conflict of Interest and Undermining Public Trust**

**Incident:** In 2013, Pam Bondi's political action committee accepted a \$25,000 donation from the Trump Foundation while her office was considering joining a lawsuit against Trump University. Her office later declined to participate in the lawsuit.

#### ***Relevant Guideline: A. General Principles***

*"A lawyer always should strive to uphold the honor and dignity of the profession... A lawyer must not use any aspect of the litigation process... to unnecessarily prolong litigation or increase litigation expenses."*

**Analysis:** Accepting a donation from a party under potential investigation, then declining to prosecute erodes public confidence and fails to uphold the dignity and impartiality required by the legal profession.

### **B. Misuse of Office for Personal Gain**

**Incident:** Bondi persuaded Gov. Rick Scott to delay an execution because it conflicted with a fundraising event she was hosting.

#### ***Relevant Guideline: A. General Principles***

*"A lawyer should avoid disorder and disruption in the courtroom, and maintain a respectful attitude toward the court."*

#### ***Relevant Guideline: L. Trial Conduct and Courtroom Decorum***

*"A lawyer should abstain from conduct calculated to detract or divert the fact finder's attention from the relevant facts or otherwise cause the fact finder to reach a decision on an impermissible basis."*

**Analysis:** Rescheduling a state-sanctioned execution for a political fundraiser constitutes an abuse of office, prioritizing personal political interests over the solemnity and gravity of the justice process.

### **C. Disregard for Judicial Orders**

**Incident:** As U.S. Attorney General, Bondi defended a deportation that directly violated a federal judge's order. She also has shown disregard for the rulings of the federal judiciary and is defending the Trump administration's attacks on law firms that represent the President's political adversaries.

**Relevant Guideline: Preamble**

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**Relevant Guideline: A. General Principles**

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**Analysis:** Acting contrary to a federal court's order undermines the integrity of the judicial system and violates a lawyer's fundamental obligation to show respect for court authority.

### **D. Partisan Manipulation of Legal System**

**Incident:** Bondi publicly supported efforts to challenge the 2020 presidential election results, amplifying unverified claims of fraud and sowing public distrust.

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**Analysis:** Publicly advancing unfounded legal theories without factual or evidentiary support directly violates the duty of candor and integrity expected from legal professionals.

### **E. Failure to Disclose Foreign Influence and Lobbying Work**

**Incident:** Bondi failed to fully disclose lobbying work on behalf of foreign interests such as Qatar during her tenure on Trump's legal team.

**Relevant Guideline: A. General Principles**

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**Analysis:** Concealing material information regarding foreign lobbying creates the appearance of impropriety and damages the transparency and integrity required by the legal profession.

### **F. False Statements Regarding the Epstein Files**

**Incident:** Bondi claimed on Fox News in February 2025 that an Epstein "client list" was on her desk. The DOJ's own July 2025 memo found no such list existed. In February 2026, Bondi claimed full

compliance with the Epstein Transparency Act while only approximately 2% of relevant data had been released. During Senate testimony, she refused to answer questions and attacked the senators questioning her.

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**Analysis:** Making verifiably false public claims about evidence in her possession, then claiming compliance with a transparency law while releasing only a fraction of the relevant materials, constitutes a sustained pattern of misleading statements that violates the duty of candor.

## **G. Weaponizing the DOJ to Prosecute Political Opponents**

**Incident:** After promising under oath during her confirmation not to prosecute Trump's political opponents, Bondi did exactly that. Following Trump's September 2025 social media demands, the DOJ indicted former FBI Director James Comey and NY Attorney General Letitia James. A judge dismissed both cases after finding the prosecutor was illegally appointed. Grand juries refused to bring new charges. The DOJ also opened investigations into Fed Chairman Jerome Powell, Senator Adam Schiff, and former intelligence officials Clapper and Brennan.

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**Analysis:** Initiating criminal prosecutions at the direct, public command of the President against his named political enemies—using an improperly appointed prosecutor whose cases were immediately dismissed—represents the legal process being used as a tool of harassment and retaliation rather than the pursuit of justice.

## **H. Retaliatory Targeting of Law Firms**

**Incident:** Under Bondi, the DOJ defended executive orders targeting six major law firms—Perkins Coie, Covington & Burling, Paul Weiss, WilmerHale, Jenner & Block, and Susman Godfrey—for representing clients Trump disliked. All four firms that sued won, with courts finding the orders violated the First, Fifth, and Sixth Amendments. Over 4,300 lawyers urged Bondi to defend the legal system. Bondi's brother simultaneously ran for president of the D.C. Bar, which oversees lawyer discipline.

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**Analysis:** Punishing law firms for representing their clients strikes at the foundational right to counsel. Multiple federal judges found these actions unconstitutional. An attorney who uses her office to intimidate fellow attorneys out of representing disfavored clients is dismantling the profession's core principles.

**I. Destroying DOJ Independence and Gutting Public Integrity**

**Incident:** Bondi fired prosecutors who worked on Capitol riot cases and Trump investigations. The Public Integrity Section was reduced from 36 employees to two. The Civil Rights Division experienced a mass exodus. 282 former DOJ employees signed a letter stating they left because of this administration's actions.

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**Relevant Guideline: Preamble**

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**Analysis:** Reducing the Public Integrity Section by 94% effectively immunizes government corruption. Gutting the Civil Rights Division removes protections for the most vulnerable Americans. A lawyer who uses her authority to destroy oversight mechanisms has abandoned the profession's core mission.

**J. Sustained Defiance of Court Orders in Abrego Garcia (Expanded)**

**Incident:** After the Supreme Court unanimously ruled the government must facilitate Abrego Garcia's return, Bondi's DOJ engaged in deliberate delay and bad faith per Judge Xinis. The DOJ then indicted Abrego Garcia on charges a federal judge found presumptively vindictive. A judge ordered Bondi to stop making inflammatory public statements about the defendant. The DOJ attempted to deport him to Liberia and Uganda—countries he has no connection to—to circumvent court orders.

**Relevant Guideline: Preamble**

*"To the judiciary, a lawyer owes candor, diligence, and utmost respect."*

**Relevant Guideline: A. General Principles, §7**

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**Relevant Guideline: L. Trial Conduct and Courtroom Decorum, §5**

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**Analysis:** Each element—defying court orders, obstructing discovery, pursuing vindictive prosecution, making prejudicial extrajudicial statements—would independently warrant disciplinary review. Together they represent systematic contempt for judicial authority by a sitting Attorney General.

## **K. Obstruction of Congressional Oversight and Evasion of Subpoena**

**Incident:** Bondi failed to meet the Epstein Transparency Act deadline, distributed already-public documents as new revelations, quietly closed Epstein co-conspirator investigations, and concealed that from Congress. After being fired, she attempted to evade a House Oversight subpoena. Bipartisan lawmakers called for contempt charges.

**Relevant Guideline: A. General Principles, §2**

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**Relevant Guideline: L. Trial Conduct and Courtroom Decorum, §5**

*"A lawyer should not knowingly misstate, distort, or improperly exaggerate any fact or opinion nor permit the lawyer's silence or inaction to mislead anyone."*

**Analysis:** Promising transparency while delivering theater, secretly closing investigations, and dodging subpoenas constitutes a sustained pattern of deception incompatible with the Bar's requirement that a lawyer's word be her bond.

## **L. Demanding State Voter Rolls Without Legal Basis**

**Incident:** Bondi directed DOJ demands for voter data from 40 states. Judges in California, Georgia, Oregon, and Michigan dismissed the lawsuits for lack of evidence. In January 2026, Bondi demanded Minnesota's voter rolls including public assistance data for ICE enforcement. After a judge rejected the Georgia demand, the FBI raided a Fulton County election office anyway.

**Relevant Guideline: A. General Principles, §7**

*"A lawyer must not use any aspect of the litigation process, including discovery and motion practice, as a means of harassment."*

**Relevant Guideline: L. Trial Conduct and Courtroom Decorum, §5**

*"A lawyer should not knowingly misstate, distort, or improperly exaggerate any fact or opinion."*

**Analysis:** Filing lawsuits that four separate federal judges found lacked evidentiary support, then authorizing a raid after judicial rejection, constitutes misuse of legal process and a campaign of harassment against state election officials.

## **M. Threats Against the American Bar Association**

**Incident:** Bondi threatened the ABA's law school accreditation powers over its diversity policies. Deputy AG Blanche banned DOJ employees from participating in ABA events. The ABA filed suit calling the administration's actions "a deliberate policy designed to intimidate and coerce law firms and lawyers."

**Relevant Guideline: Preamble**

*"Coupled with those duties is a lawyer's duty of courtesy and cooperation with fellow professionals for the efficient administration of our system of justice."*

**Relevant Guideline: A. General Principles, §1**

*"A lawyer is both an officer of the court and an advocate. As such, the lawyer always should strive to uphold the honor and dignity of the profession."*

**Analysis:** Using the Attorney General's office to threaten the primary organization responsible for maintaining legal education standards represents a direct attack on the self-governing structure of the legal profession.

The Florida Bar's prompt attention to this matter is necessary and appreciated.

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