

## The Analytical Model: Preface

The analytical model that I propose is comprised of a series of questions with related issues or concerns as a subset of the questions asked. By applying each question to the action, attorneys and law students engaged in the practice of law will be guided in reaching a decision about their action. The analytical model does not give the “correct” answer. It is not a mathematical equation. It does not spit out an absolute answer. Rather, it is intended to assist attorneys and law students engaged in the practice of law to reach a well-thought-out decision in a methodological way, and to not simply rely on gut reactions, feelings, instinct or blind adherence to rules. Each individual will need to weigh the importance of the questions in relationship to each other. One attorney may decide that the consequence of their act is too high a price to pay while another may not. One attorney may decide that their obligation under the Model Rules outweighs their obligation under their moral code, while another attorney may decide just the opposite and conclude that their obligation under their moral code outweighs their obligation under the Model Rules.