

## **Publication of Code of Ethics Violators to begin January 1, 2019**

On May 19, 2018 the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) Board of Directors voted to broaden the options available to associations for publishing the names of Code of Ethics violators. On September 17, 2018, at the recommendation of the Arkansas REALTORS® Association (ARA) Professional Standards & Grievance Committee, the ARA Board of Directors voted allow the publication of violators by approving publication option 2 as provided by NAR. Specifically, publication option 2:

- Allows publication of violations to occur in all instances in which violators are disciplined with a letter of reprimand, a fine, a suspension or an expulsion.
- Members eligible for and opting to pay a citation will not be subject to publication.
- Requires that publication be made in an official communication from the primary association where the violator holds membership.
- Requires that association legal counsel review the decision, discipline and information to be published prior to publication.
- Requires that publication be consistent and uniform.
- Specifies that in addition to the violator's name and photo, the only other information that may be published is the articles violated, a description of the violation (with all other names redacted) and the discipline imposed.

This policy will only apply to ethics complaints filed on or after January 1, 2019. To see additional information provided by NAR [click here](#).