

## Devanney Quoted in the Bloomberg BNA: *Lawyers' Manual on Professional Conduct* Story Titled “Court Affirms \$350k Verdict for Lawyer Smear on Avvo”

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Colleen Devanney, an associate in the Vorys Cincinnati office and a member of the litigation group, was quoted in a Bloomberg BNA: *Lawyers' Manual on Professional Conduct* story titled “Court Affirms \$350k Verdict for Lawyer Smear on Avvo.”

The story was about an appellate court finding in Florida that found that false allegations of dishonesty that a former client made in online reviews of her lawyer were held not protected by the First Amendment.

#### The story states:

*“Lawyers who file defamation suits predicated on allegedly libelous online reviews face a high evidentiary burden in jurisdictions that do require a showing of actual damages, according to Colleen M. Devanney, a lawyer in the Cincinnati office of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP.*

*It is ‘going to be hard to prove actual damages’ in such cases because ‘you don’t know how many people saw’ an allegedly defamatory review, Devanney told Bloomberg BNA.”*

To read the entire story, visit the Bloomberg BNA website. (Subscription may be required).