

**ELC 10.5**  
**ANSWER**

**(a) Time to Answer.** Within 20 days of service of the formal complaint and notice to answer, the respondent lawyer must file and serve an answer. Failure to file an answer as required may be grounds for discipline and for an order of default under rule 10.6. The filing of a motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim stays the time for filing an answer during the pendency of the motion.

**(b) Content.** The answer must contain:

(1) a specific denial or admission of each fact or claim asserted in the formal complaint in accordance with CR 8(b);

(2) a statement of any matter or facts constituting a defense, affirmative defense, or justification, in ordinary and concise language without repetition; and

(3) an address at which all further pleadings, notices, and other documents in the proceeding may be served on the respondent.

**(c) Filing and Service.** The answer must be filed and served under rules 4.1 and 4.2.

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