

The new Georgia Bar Association lien holder rule in 1.15(l) is:

(b) For the purposes of this Rule, a lawyer may not disregard a third person's interest in funds or other property in the lawyer's possession if:

- (1) The interest is known to the lawyer, and
- (2) The interest is based upon one of the following:
 - (i) A statutory lien;
 - (ii) A final judgment addressing disposition of those funds or property;
or
 - (iii) A written agreement by the client or the lawyer on behalf of the client guaranteeing payment out of those funds or property.

The lawyer may disregard the third person's claimed interest if the lawyer reasonably concludes that there is a valid defense to such lien, judgment, or agreement.

(c) Upon receiving funds or other property in which a client or third person has an interest, a lawyer shall promptly notify the client or third person. Except as stated in this Rule or otherwise permitted by law or by agreement with the client, a lawyer shall promptly deliver to the client or third person any funds or other property that the client or third person is entitled to receive and, upon request by the client or third person, shall promptly render a full accounting regarding such property.