

The Lawyer's Creed of Professionalism

To be a lawyer involves the obligation not only to do that which is lawful but also that which is right. In furtherance of this commitment, and in addition to my obligations under the Code of Professional Responsibility, I make this pledge:

To the public and our system of justice, I offer service. I will strive to improve the law and our legal system, to make the law and our legal system available to all, and to seek the common good through the representation of my clients.

To the courts and other tribunals, and to those who assist them, I offer respect, candor, and courtesy. I will strive to bring honor to the search for justice.

To the profession, I offer assistance. I will strive to keep the practice of law a profession and our professional calling in the spirit of public service.

To my clients, I offer faithfulness, competence, diligence, and good judgment. I will strive to represent you as I would want to be represented and to be worthy of your trust.

To opposing counsel and their clients, I offer integrity, fairness, and civility. I will seek to resolve any dispute amicably and in a dignified manner.

To my colleagues in the practice of law, I offer concern for your well-being. I will strive to make our relationship a professional friendship.