

AWYER'S CREED

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I revere the law, the civil justice system, and the profession, and I pledge that in my private and professional life, and in my dealings with fellow members of the bar, I will uphold the dignity and respect of each in my behavior toward others.

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In all dealings with fellow members of the bar, I will be guided by a fundamental sense of integrity and fair play; I know that effective advocacy does not mean hitting below the belt.

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I will not abuse the civil justice system or the profession by pursuing or opposing discovery through arbitrariness or for the purpose of harassment or undue delay.

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I will not seek accommodation from a fellow member of the bar for the rescheduling of any court setting or discovery unless a legitimate need exists. I will not misrepresent conflicts, nor will I ask for accommodation for the purpose of tactical advantage or undue delay.

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In my dealings with the court and my fellow counsel, as well as others, my word is my bond.

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I will readily stipulate the undisputed facts to avoid needless cost and inconvenience to any party and will work with opposing counsel to reduce the expense of litigation.

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I recognize that my conduct is not governed solely by the Rules of Professional Conduct, but also by standards of fundamental decency and courtesy.

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I will strive to be punctual in communications with others and in honoring scheduled appearances, and I will recognize that neglect and tardiness are demeaning to me and to the profession.

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If a fellow member of the bar makes a just request for cooperation, or seeks scheduling accommodation, I will not arbitrarily or unreasonably withhold consent.

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I recognize that effective advocacy does not require antagonistic or obnoxious behavior, and as a member of the bar, I pledge to adhere to the higher standard of conduct which we, our clients, and the public may rightfully expect.