

Oklahoma Bar Association

# Lawyer's Creed

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I revere the Law, the System, and the Profession, and I pledge that in my private and professional life, and in my dealings with members of the Bar, I will uphold the dignity and respect of each in my behavior toward others.

In all dealings with members of the Bar, I will be guided by a fundamental sense of integrity and fair play.

I will not abuse the System of the Profession by pursuing or opposing discovery through arbitrariness or for the purpose of harassment or undue delay.

I will not seek accommodation 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.

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

I will readily stipulate to undisputed facts in order to avoid needless costs or inconvenience for any party.

I recognize that my conduct is not governed solely by the Code of Professional Responsibility, but also by standards of fundamental decency and courtesy. Accordingly, I will endeavor to conduct myself in a manner consistent with the Oklahoma Bar Association Guidelines for Professional Courtesy.

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

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

I recognize that a desire to prevail must be tempered with civility. Rude behavior hinders effective advocacy, and, as a member of the Bar, I pledge to adhere to a high standard of conduct which clients, attorneys, the judiciary and the public will admire and respect.