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The Six Suggestions for Improving the Profession

**(Rules taken from *A Lawyer's Creed of Professionalism*
of the ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section)**

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**A Lawyer's Creed of Professionalism
of the ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section**

As a lawyer, I must strive to make our system of justice work fairly and efficiently. In order to carry out that responsibility, not only will I comply with the letter and spirit of the disciplinary standards applicable to all lawyers, but I will also conduct myself in accordance with the following Creed of Professionalism when dealing with my client, opposing parties, their counsel, the courts and the general public.

A. With respect to my client:

1. I will be loyal and committed to my client's cause, but I will not permit that loyalty and commitment to interfere with my ability to provide my client with objective and independent advice;
2. I will endeavor to achieve my client's lawful objectives in business transactions and in litigation as expeditiously and economically as possible;
3. In appropriate cases, I will counsel my client with respect to mediation, arbitration and other alternative methods of resolving disputes;
4. I will advise my client against pursuing litigation (or any other course of action) that is without merit and against insisting on tactics which are intended to delay resolution of the matter or to harass or drain the financial resources of the opposing party;
5. I will advise my client that civility and courtesy are not to be equated with weakness;
6. While I must abide by my client's decision concerning the objectives of the representation, I nevertheless will counsel my client that a willingness to initiate or engage in settlement discussions is consistent with zealous and effective representation.

B. With respect to opposing parties and their counsel:

1. I will endeavor to be courteous and civil, both in oral and in written communications;
2. I will not knowingly make statements of fact or of law that are untrue;
3. In litigation proceedings I will agree to reasonable requests for extensions of time or for waiver of procedural formalities when the legitimate interests of my client will not be adversely affected;
4. I will endeavor to consult with opposing counsel before scheduling depositions and meetings and before re-scheduling hearings, and I will cooperate with opposing counsel when scheduling changes are requested;
5. I will refrain from utilizing litigation or any other course of conduct to harass the opposing party;

6. I will refrain from engaging in excessive and abusive discovery, and I will comply with all reasonable discovery requests;
7. I will refrain from utilizing delaying tactics;
8. In depositions and other proceedings, and in negotiations, I will conduct myself with dignity, avoid making groundless objections and refrain from engaging in acts of rudeness or disrespect;
9. I will not serve motions and pleadings on the other party, or his counsel, at such a time or in such a manner as will unfairly limit the other party's opportunity to respond;
10. In business transactions I will not quarrel over matters of form or style, but will concentrate on matters of substance and content;\
11. I will clearly identify, for other counsel or parties, all changes that I have made in documents submitted to me for review.

C. With respect to the courts and other tribunals:

1. I will be a vigorous and zealous advocate on behalf of my client, while recognizing, as an officer of the court, that excessive zeal may be detrimental to my client's interests as well as to the proper functioning of our system of justice;
2. Where consistent with my client's interests, I will communicate with opposing counsel in an effort to avoid litigation and to resolve litigation that has actually commenced;
3. I will voluntarily withdraw claims or defenses when it becomes apparent that they do not have merit or are superfluous;
4. I will refrain from filing frivolous motions;
5. I will make every effort to agree with other counsel, as early as possible, on a voluntary exchange of information and on a plan for discovery;
6. I will attempt to resolve, by agreement, my objections to matters contained in my opponent's pleadings and discovery requests;
7. When scheduled hearings or depositions have to be canceled, I will notify opposing counsel, and, if appropriate, the court (or other tribunal) as early as possible;
8. Before dates for hearings or trials are set -- or, if that is not feasible, immediately after such dates have been set -- I will attempt to verify the availability of key participants and witnesses so that I can promptly notify the court (or other tribunal) and opposing counsel of any likely problem in that regard;
9. In civil matters, I will stipulate to facts as to which there is no genuine dispute;
10. I will endeavor to be punctual in attending court hearings, conferences and depositions;

11. I will at all times be candid with the court.

D. With respect to the public and to our system of justice:

1. I will remember that, in addition to commitment to my client's cause, my responsibilities as a lawyer include a devotion to the public good;
2. I will endeavor to keep myself current in the areas in which I practice and, when necessary, will associate with, or refer my client to, counsel knowledgeable in another field of practice;
3. I will be mindful of the fact that, as a member of a self-regulating profession, it is incumbent on me to report violations by fellow lawyers of any disciplinary rule;
4. I will be mindful of the need to protect the image of the legal profession in the eyes of the public and will be so guided when considering methods and contents of advertising;
5. I will be mindful that the law is a learned profession and that among its desirable goals are devotion to public service, improvement of administration of justice, and the contribution of uncompensated time and civic influence on behalf of those persons who cannot afford adequate legal assistance.

Suggestion #1

Respect the Judiciary

C. With respect to the courts and other tribunals:

10. I will endeavor to be punctual in attending court hearings, conferences and depositions;
11. I will at all times be candid with the court.

Suggestion #2

Preserve the Dignity and the Integrity of the Law and the Profession

C. With respect to the courts and other tribunals:

1. I will be a vigorous and zealous advocate on behalf of my client, while recognizing, as an officer of the court, that excessive zeal may be detrimental to my client's interests as well as to the proper functioning of our system of justice;

D. With respect to the public and to our system of justice:

2. I will endeavor to keep myself current in the areas in which I practice and, when necessary, will associate with, or refer my client to, counsel knowledgeable in another field of practice;
3. I will be mindful of the fact that, as a member of a self-regulating profession, it is incumbent on me to report violations by fellow lawyers of any disciplinary rule;
4. I will be mindful of the need to protect the image of the legal profession in the eyes of the public and will be so guided when considering methods and contents of advertising;

Suggestion #3

Don't Run Up the Bill

A. With respect to my client:

2. I will endeavor to achieve my client's lawful objectives in business transactions and in litigation as expeditiously and economically as possible;
3. In appropriate cases, I will counsel my client with respect to mediation, arbitration and other alternative methods of resolving disputes;
4. I will advise my client against pursuing litigation (or any other course of action) that is without merit and against insisting on tactics which are intended to delay resolution of the matter or to harass or drain the financial resources of the opposing party;
5. I will advise my client that civility and courtesy are not to be equated with weakness;
6. While I must abide by my client's decision concerning the objectives of the representation, I nevertheless will counsel my client that a willingness to initiate or engage in settlement discussions is consistent with zealous and effective representation.

Suggestion #4

Give Back

D. With respect to the public and to our system of justice:

1. I will remember that, in addition to commitment to my client's cause, my responsibilities as a lawyer include a devotion to the public good;
5. I will be mindful that the law is a learned profession and that among its desirable goals are devotion to public service, improvement of administration of justice, and the contribution of uncompensated time and civic influence on behalf of those persons who cannot afford adequate legal assistance.

Suggestion #5

Don't Be So Difficult

A. With respect to my client:

4. I will advise my client against pursuing litigation (or any other course of action) that is without merit and against insisting on tactics which are intended to delay resolution of the matter or to harass or drain the financial resources of the opposing party;

B. With respect to opposing parties and their counsel:

2. I will not knowingly make statements of fact or of law that are untrue;
3. In litigation proceedings I will agree to reasonable requests for extensions of time or for waiver of procedural formalities when the legitimate interests of my client will not be adversely affected;
4. I will endeavor to consult with opposing counsel before scheduling depositions and meetings and before re-scheduling hearings, and I will cooperate with opposing counsel when scheduling changes are requested;
5. I will refrain from utilizing litigation or any other course of conduct to harass the opposing party;
6. I will refrain from engaging in excessive and abusive discovery, and I will comply with all reasonable discovery requests;
7. I will refrain from utilizing delaying tactics;
9. I will not serve motions and pleadings on the other party, or his counsel, at such a time or in such a manner as will unfairly limit the other party's opportunity to respond;
10. In business transactions I will not quarrel over matters of form or style, but will concentrate on matters of substance and content;
11. I will clearly identify, for other counsel or parties, all changes that I have made in documents submitted to me for review.

C. With respect to the courts and other tribunals:

2. Where consistent with my client's interests, I will communicate with opposing counsel in an effort to avoid litigation and to resolve litigation that has actually commenced;
3. I will voluntarily withdraw claims or defenses when it becomes apparent that they do not have merit or are superfluous;
4. I will refrain from filing frivolous motions;
5. I will make every effort to agree with other counsel, as early as possible, on a voluntary exchange of information and on a plan for discovery;
6. I will attempt to resolve, by agreement, my objections to matters contained in my opponent's pleadings and discovery requests;
7. When scheduled hearings or depositions have to be canceled, I will notify opposing counsel, and, if appropriate, the court (or other tribunal) as early as possible;
9. In civil matters, I will stipulate to facts as to which there is no genuine dispute;

Suggestion #6

Be Civil

A. With respect to my client:

5. I will advise my client that civility and courtesy are not to be equated with weakness;

B. With respect to opposing parties and their counsel:

1. I will endeavor to be courteous and civil, both in oral and in written communications;
8. In depositions and other proceedings, and in negotiations, I will conduct myself with dignity, avoid making groundless objectives and refrain from engaging in acts of rudeness or disrespect;

Professionalism Codes

<http://www.abanet.org/cpr/professionalism/profcodes.html>

ORGANIZATION	YEAR	TITLE	WEBSITE
ALABAMA			
Alabama State Bar	2000	Pledge of Professionalism	http://www.law.stetson.edu/excellence/litethics/
Mobile Bar	1990	A Lawyer's Code of Professionalism	
United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama	1999	Standards for Professional Conduct	http://www.almd.uscourts.gov/Web%20Orders%20Conduct%20Order.htm
ARIZONA			
State Bar of Arizona	1989	A Lawyer's Creed of Professionalism	http://www.myazbar.org/Members/creed.cfm
ARKANSAS			
Pulaski County Bar	1986	Code of Professional Courtesy	http://www.law.stetson.edu/excellence/litethics/
CALIFORNIA			
Alameda County Bar Association	2003	Statement of Professionalism and Civility	http://www.acbanet.org/documents/pdf/EthicsBr
Beverly Hills Bar	1989	Guidelines for Professional Courtesy	http://www.law.stetson.edu/excellence/litethics/
Contra Costa County Bar	1993	Standards of Professional Courtesy	http://www.cccba.org/prof/standards.htm
Los Angeles County Bar Association	1989	Litigation Guidelines	http://www.lacba.org/Files/Main%20Folder/ServiceLitigationGuidelines.pdf
	1996	Professionalism Guidelines for Family Law Practitioners	http://www.law.stetson.edu/excellence/litethics/
Marin County Bar Association	1997	Code of Civility	http://www.marinbar.org/members/resources/Co
Orange County Bar	1990	Goals of Professional Conduct	http://www.ocbar.org/conduct.htm
Riverside County Bar	Unk	Guidelines of Professional Courtesy and Civility	http://www.riversidecountybar.com/forms/0412020Courtesy%20and%20Civility.pdf
Sacramento County Bar	1994	Standards of Professional Conduct	http://www.saccourt.com/geninfo/local_rules/bar
San Diego Association of Business Trial Lawyers	1995	Ethics, Civility and Professionalism Guidelines	http://www.abtl.org/sd_guidelines.htm
San Diego County Bar	1990	Civil Litigation Code of Conduct	http://www.law.stetson.edu/excellence/litethics/s
Santa Clara County Bar	1992	Code of Professionalism	http://www.sccsuperiorcourt.org/rules/rules_stan
State Bar of California	2007	California Attorney Guidelines of Civility and Professionalism	http://calbar.ca.gov/calbar/pdfs/reports/Atty-Civ
State Bar of California Litigation Section	2006	Model Code of Civility and Professionalism	http://www.calbar.ca.gov/calbar/pdfs/sections/litcode.pdf
Ventura County Bar	1999	Guidelines on Professional Conduct and Civility	
COLORADO			
Boulder County Bar	1990	Guidelines for Professional Courtesy	http://www.boulder-bar.org/membership/standar

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Colorado Bar	1990	A Lawyer's Principles of Professionalism	http://www.cobar.org/index.cfm/ID/1906/CCRLProfessionalism/
Denver Bar	1996	Principles of Professionalism	http://www.cobar.org/group/display.cfm?GenID
CONNECTICUT			
Connecticut Bar	1994	Lawyers' Principles of Professionalism	http://www.ctbar.org/article/view/396
Waterbury Bar	1991	Approved Standards for Attorney Selection	
DELAWARE			
Delaware State Bar / Delaware Supreme Court	2003	Principles of Professionalism for Delaware Lawyers	http://courts.state.de.us/rules/?prinproflawyers.p
Delaware Supreme Court	2003	Principles of Professionalism for Delaware Judges	http://courts.state.de.us/rules/?prinprofjudges.pd
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA			
D.C. Bar	1997	Voluntary Standards for Civility in Professional Conduct	http://www.dctbar.org/for_lawyers/ethics/legal_e_or_civility/index.cfm
FLORIDA			
The Florida Bar	1990	Ideals and Goals of Professionalism	http://www.law.stetson.edu/excellence/litethics/f
	1989	Creed of Professionalism	http://www.floridabar.org/TFB/TFBResources.n82C40F185256FFD0072FC8C/\$FILE/CreedOfPment
Florida Bar Trial Lawyers Section	1994	Guidelines for Professional Conduct	http://www.law.stetson.edu/excellence/litethics/f
Hillsborough County Bar	1987	Standards of Professional Courtesy	http://www.law.stetson.edu/excellence/litethics/f
Hillsborough County Family Law Division	Unk	The Twelve Rules of Courtroom Civility	
Jacksonville Bar	1996	Professionalism Guidelines	http://www.jaxbar.org/Member/professionalism
	Unk	Professional Guidelines For Business Lawyers	http://www.jaxbar.org/Member/professionalism
Orange County Bar	1990	Standards of Professional Courtesy	http://orangecountybar.org/UserFiles/File/Standards%20Courtesy%2011-02-04.pdf
Palm Beach County Bar	1990	Standards of Professional Courtesy	http://www.palmbeachbar.org/spc.php
Second Judicial Circuit	2000	Standards for Professionalism	http://www.tallahasseebar.org/index.cfm?event=1&contentObjectID=55
Sixth Judicial Circuit	1999	Standards of Professional Courtesy for the Sixth Judicial Circuit	http://www.jud6.org/legalcommunity/legalpractice-99-46.html
St. Petersburg Bar	1992	Standards of Professional Courtesy	
Tallahassee Bar	Unk.	Code of Professional Courtesy	
GEORGIA			
Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism	1990	A Lawyer's Creed and Aspirational Statement on Professionalism	http://www.gabar.org/related_organizations/chief_professionalism/lawyers_creed/

HAWAII

Family Court of the First Circuit	1995	Standing Order regarding Guidelines of Professional Courtesy and Civility	
Hawaii State Bar	1996	Guidelines for Professional Courtesy and Civility	http://www.hsba.org/HSBA/Legal_Research/Ha
Supreme Court of the State of Hawaii	2004	Principles of Professionalism for Hawai'i Judges and Guidelines of Professional Courtesy and Civility for Hawai'i Lawyers	http://www.courts.state.hi.us/page_server/Legal/57A8EAE7AD4B72.html

IDAHO

United States District Court District of Idaho and the Courts of the State of Idaho	Unk	Standards for Civility in Professional Conduct	http://www2.state.id.us/isb/pub_info/civility_gui
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ILLINOIS

Illinois State Bar	1987	Resolution on Report of Professionalism	
Kane County Bar	1989	Code of Professional Courtesy	

INDIANA

Evansville Bar	1990	Code of Professional Courtesy	
Indianapolis Bar	1989	Tenets of Professional Courtesy	

IOWA

Iowa State Bar	1991	Code of Professionalism	
Iowa Supreme Court	Unk	Standards for Professional Conduct	http://www.judicial.state.ia.us/regs/conduct.asp

KANSAS

Johnson County Bar	1989	Creed of Professional Conduct	http://www.law.stetson.edu/excellence/litethics/j
Kansas Bar	1987	Hallmarks of Professionalism	http://www.ksbar.org/public/hallmarks.shtml
Wichita Bar	1993	Tenets of Professional Conduct	

KENTUCKY

Kentucky Court of Justice	1994	Court Conduct Handbook	
Kentucky Bar	1993	(Revised) Code of Professional Courtesy	http://www.kybar.org/Default.aspx?tabid=228
Louisville Bar	1989	Creed of Professionalism	http://www.abanet.org/cpr/professionalism/Loui

LOUISIANA

Baton Rouge Bar	1990	Creed of Professionalism	
Louisiana Trial Lawyers	Unk.	Lawyer's Creed	http://www.lta.org/la/index.cfm?event=showPag
Louisiana State Bar	1991	Code of Professionalism	http://www.lsba.org/Legal_Library/code_of_pro
Shreveport Bar	1988	A Lawyer's Creed of Professionalism	
Supreme Court of Louisiana	1997	Code of Professionalism	http://www.lasc.org/rules/supreme/PartGSection

MARYLAND

Baltimore Young Lawyers	1989	Lawyers' Code of Professionalism	
Bar of Baltimore City	1996	Guidelines on Civility	http://www.baltimorebar.org/membership/memb
Maryland State Bar	1997	Code of Civility	http://www.msba.org/departments/commpubl/pu
Montgomery County Bar	1991	Lawyers' Creed of Professionalism	http://www.montbar.org/creed.htm
Prince George's County Bar	1989	Lawyer's Creed of Professionalism	

MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts Bar	1988	Statement on Lawyer Professionalism	http://www.law.stetson.edu/excellence/litethics/
Boston Bar		Boston Bar Association Civility Standards for Civil Litigation	http://www.bostonbar.org/prs/civility.htm

MICHIGAN

Genessee County Bar	1994	Standards for Professional Conduct Within Michigan's Seventh Judicial Circuit	http://www.gcbalaw.org/gcba.pdf
Grand Rapids Bar	1994	Mission Statement/Policy on Diversity	
United States District Court Eastern District of Michigan	1996	Civility Principles	http://www.mied.uscourts.gov/_localrules/Stand
United States District Court Western District of Michigan	Unk	Standards for Civility in Professional Conduct	http://www.miwd.uscourts.gov/ATTORNEY/civ

MINNESOTA

Hennepin County Bar	Unk	Lawyers Pledge of Professionalism	
Minnesota State Bar	2000	Professionalism Aspirations	http://www2.mnbar.org/committees/professional
Minnesota Supreme Court	2001	Professionalism Aspirations	http://www2.mnbar.org/committees/professional
Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association/Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association	1995	Tenets of Professionalism	

MISSISSIPPI

Hinds County Bar	1988	Pledge of Professionalism	
La Fayette County Bar	Unk.	Code of Professional Courtesy	
Mississippi State Bar	1990	Mississippi Code of Professional Conduct Lawyer's Creed	http://www.msbar.org/2_lawyers_creed.php
		Mississippi Bar Guidelines of Professional Conduct	http://www.msbar.org/2_guidelines_of_professio
		Mississippi Bar Standards of Litigation Conduct	http://www.msbar.org/2_standards_of_litigation

MISSOURI

Kansas City Metro Bar	1987	Tenets of Professional Courtesy	http://www.law.stetson.edu/excellence/litethics/
	1997	Lawyer's Creed	
Missouri Bar	1987	Tenets of Professional Courtesy	
Bar of Metro St. Louis	1990	Tenets of Professionalism	http://www.bamsl.org/TENETS.htm

MONTANA

State Bar of Montana	1986	Guidelines for Relations Between and Among Lawyers	
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NEBRASKA

Nebraska State Bar	1994	Standards of Professionalism	http://www.nebar.com/pdfs/nelawyer/1999/0799
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NEVADA

Nevada State Bar	1997	Lawyer's Pledge of Professionalism	
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NEW HAMPSHIRE

New Hampshire Bar Association	1999	Litigation Guidelines	http://www.nhbar.org/uploads/pdf/litguide(1).pdf
	2001	The New Hampshire Lawyer Professionalism Creed	http://www.nhbar.org/legal-links/nh-professionals

NEW JERSEY

Burlington County Bar	1995	Covenants of Professionalism	
Camden County Bar	1993	Code of Professionalism	http://www.law.stetson.edu/excellence/litethics/
Middlesex County Bar	1996	Code of Professionalism	
New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law	1997	Principles on Professionalism in the Law	http://www.njsba.com/commission_on_prof/index

NEW MEXICO

State Bar of New Mexico	1989	A Creed of Professionalism of the New Mexico Bench and Bar	http://www.law.stetson.edu/excellence/litethics/
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NEW YORK

Brooklyn Bar	1989	Code of Professionalism	
		Statement of Client's Rights	http://brooklynbar.org/documents/clientright.asp
		Statement of Client's Responsibilities	http://brooklynbar.org/documents/clientrespns.asp
Monroe County Bar	1994	Standards of Professional Conduct	
New York County Lawyer's Association	1993	Incivility and Sharp Practice	
New York State Bar	1994	Standards of Civility	
		Statement of Client's Rights	http://www.nysba.org/Content/ContentGroups/NY_Rights_and_Responsibilities/Rights.pdf
Suffolk County Bar Association	Unk.	Statement of Professional Goals and Standards	

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New York State Unified Court System	1998	Standards of Civility	http://www.nycourts.gov/jjpl/standardsofcivility
NORTH CAROLINA			
North Carolina Bar	1989	Principles of Professional Courtesy	
Wake County/Tenth Judicial District Bar	1997	(Revised) Creed of Professionalism	http://www.lawsight.com/wcba/wcbaacd.htm
OHIO			
Akron Bar	1989	A Lawyer's Creed of Professionalism	
Cleveland Bar	1988	A Lawyer's Creed of Professionalism	http://www.law.stetson.edu/excellence/litethics/c
Columbus Bar	1994	My Declaration of Commitment to Professionalism	http://www.cbalaw.org/resources/ethics/commit
Supreme Court of Ohio	1997	Statement on Professionalism, A Lawyer's Creed, A Lawyer's Aspirational Ideals	
	2001	Judicial Creed of Professionalism	http://www.sconet.state.oh.us/Rules/govbar/#jud
OKLAHOMA			
Oklahoma County Bar	Unk.	Lawyer's Creed, Guidelines of Professional Courtesy	http://www.law.stetson.edu/excellence/litethics/c
Oklahoma Bar Association	2006	Standards of Professionalism	http://www.okbar.org/ethics/standards.htm
OREGON			
Multnomah Bar	1988	Statement on Professionalism in the Practice of Law	http://www.law.stetson.edu/excellence/litethics/r
Oregon State Bar	1990	Statement of Professionalism	http://www.osbar.org/rulesregs/professionalism.l
PENNSYLVANIA			
Bucks County Bar	1992	Rules of Professionalism	
Montgomery Bar	1995	Working Rules for Professionalism	
Northampton County Bar	1994	Guide to Conduct and Etiquette at the Bar	
Pennsylvania Bar	2005	Code of Civility	http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/204/chapter
Pennsylvania Supreme Court	2000	Pennsylvania Code of Civility	http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/204/chapter
Philadelphia Bar	1990	Working Rules of Professionalism	http://www.law.stetson.edu/excellence/litethics/r
RHODE ISLAND			
Rhode Island Bar	1989	A Lawyer's Creed of Professionalism	
SOUTH CAROLINA			
South Carolina Bar	Unk.	South Carolina Bar Standards of Professionalism and Statement of Principles	http://www.scbar.org/member/documents/profes
South Carolina Supreme Court	2003	Judge's Oath	http://www.judicial.state.sc.us/opinions/displayC

South Carolina Supreme Court	2003	Lawyer's Oath	http://www.judicial.state.sc.us/opinions/displayC
TENNESSEE			
Memphis Bar	1988	Guidelines for Professional Courtesy and Conduct	http://www.law.stetson.edu/excellence/litethics/r
Nashville Bar	1987	Standards of Intra-Professional Conduct	http://www.law.stetson.edu/excellence/litethics/r
Tennessee Bar	1991	A Lawyer's Creed of Professionalism	
TEXAS			
Dallas Bar	1987	Lawyer's Creed of Professional Courtesy	http://www.dallasbar.org/dbf/printable_creed.asp
Houston Bar	1989	Professionalism: A Lawyer's Mandate	http://www.hba.org/mandate.htm
San Antonio Bar	Unk.	Guidelines for Professional Courtesy	
Supreme Court of Texas and Court of Criminal Appeals	1989	The Texas Lawyer's Creed -- A Mandate for Professionalism	http://www.law.stetson.edu/excellence/litethics/t
Texas Trial Lawyers/Texas Association of Defense Counsel	Unk.	Lawyers' Creed	
Travis County Bar	1989	Customs and Practices for Lawyers	http://www.law.stetson.edu/excellence/litethics/t
UTAH			
Utah Supreme Court	2003	Standards of Professionalism and Civility	http://www.utcourts.gov/courts/sup/civility.htm
VERMONT			
Vermont Bar	1989	Guidelines of Professional Courtesy	http://www.vtbar.org/static/vtbar/guidelines.php
VIRGINIA			
Virginia Bar	1993	Virginia Bar Association Creed	http://www.vba.org/whoweare.htm
Virginia Bar Litigation Section	1988	Principles of Professional Courtesy	
Fairfax County Bar	1991	Creed of Professionalism	
Bar of the City of Richmond	1990	Principles of Professionalism	http://www.law.stetson.edu/excellence/litethics/r
WASHINGTON			
King County Bar	1999	Guidelines of Professional Courtesy	http://www.kcba.org/srvlaw/guidelin.htm
Spokane County Bar	1989	Code of Professional Courtesy	http://www.law.stetson.edu/excellence/litethics/s
Tacoma-Pierce County Bar	1994	Code of Professional Courtesy	
Washington State Bar	1994	Courtroom Decorum and Practice Guidelines	
	2001	Creed of Professionalism	http://www.wsba.org/lawyers/groups/profession

Washington State Trial Lawyers Association/Washington Defense Trial Lawyers	1994	Joint Statement on Professionalism	
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington	1992	Civility Code (Local Rule 83.1(k))	http://www.waed.uscourts.gov/localrules/usdc_e
WEST VIRGINIA			
West Virginia State Bar	1990	Code of Professional Courtesy Standards of Professional Conduct	http://www.wvbar.org/BARINFO/standardspc/st
WISCONSIN			
Wisconsin Supreme Court	1996	Standards of Courtesy and Decorum for the Courts of Wisconsin	http://www.wicourts.gov/sc/rulhear/DisplayDocu?eqNo=1047
WYOMING			
U.S. District Court for the District of Wyoming	1991	Standards of Litigation Conduct	
ABA ENTITIES			
Section of Family Law	2006	Civility Standards	http://www.abanet.org/family/reports/standards_
Section of Litigation	1995	Guidelines for Conduct	http://www.abanet.org/litigation/litnews/practice
Section of Tort and Insurance Practice	1988	A Lawyer's Creed of Professionalism	http://www.abanet.org/tips/creed.html
Young Lawyers' Division	1988	Pledge of Professionalism	http://www.law.stetson.edu/excellence/litethics/a
OTHERS			
Seventh Judicial Circuit Court of Appeals	1992	Standards for Professional Conduct	http://www.ca7.uscourts.gov/Rules/rules.htm#st
American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers	2000	Bounds of Advocacy - Goals for Family Lawyers	http://www.aaml.org/Bounds%20of%20Advocacy.htm
American Association of Law Schools	1989	Statement of Good Practices by Law Professors in the Discharge of their Ethical and Professional Responsibilities	http://www.aals.org/about_handbook_sgp_eth.pl
American Corporate Counsel Association	1997	Professionalism Guidelines	http://www.acca.com/chapters/delguide3.html
American College of Real Estate Lawyers ("ACREL")	2004	Statement of Professionalism	http://www.acrel.org/public/DrawPage.asp?Section=pose
American College of Trial Lawyers	1994 (Revised)	Code of Trial Conduct	http://www.actl.com/PDFs/CodeofTrialConduct
American College of Trial Lawyers	2002	Code of Pretrial Conduct	http://www.actl.com/PDFs/USCodesofPreTrial
American Inns of Court	1993	Professional Creed	http://www.innsofcourt.org/Content/Default.asp
The Advocates' Society Ontario (Canada)	Unk.	Principles of Civility for Advocates	http://www.advocates.ca/civility/principles.html