

CREED OF PROFESSIONAL COURTESY

1. A lawyer should avoid taking action adverse to the interests of a litigant known to be represented without timely notice to opposing counsel unless ex parte proceedings are permitted.
 2. A lawyer should promptly return telephone calls and answer correspondence from other lawyers.
 3. A lawyer should respect opposing counsel's schedule by seeking agreement on deposition dates and court appearances (other than routine motions) rather than merely serving notice.
 4. A lawyer should avoid making ill-considered accusations of unethical conduct toward an opponent.
 5. A lawyer should not engage in intentionally discourteous behavior.
 6. A lawyer should not intentionally embarrass another attorney and should avoid personal criticism of other counsel.
 7. A lawyer should not seek sanctions against or disqualification of another attorney unless necessary for the protection of a client and fully justified by the circumstances, not for the mere purpose of obtaining a tactical advantage.
 8. A lawyers should strive to maintain a courteous tone in correspondence, pleadings, and other written communications.
 9. A lawyer should not intentionally mislead or deceive an adversary and should honor promises or commitments made.
 10. A lawyer should recognize that the conflicts within a legal matter are professional and not personal and endeavor to maintain a friendly and professional relationship with other attorneys in the matter "leave the argument in the courtroom."
 11. A lawyer should express professional courtesy to the Court and has the right to expect professional courtesy from the Court.
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