



## Code of Professionalism

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*As a member of the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, I shall*

Always remember that the practice of law is first and foremost a profession.

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Encourage respect for the law, the courts, and the right to trial by jury.

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Always remember that my word is my bond and honor my responsibilities to serve as an officer of the court and protector of individual rights.

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Contribute time and resources to public service, public education, charitable and pro bono activities in my community.

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Work with the other members of the bar, including judges, opposing counsel, and those whose practices are different from mine, to make our system of justice more accessible and responsive.

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Resolve matters and disputes expeditiously, without unnecessary expense, and through negotiation whenever possible.

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Keep my clients well-informed and involved in making decisions affecting them.

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Achieve and maintain proficiency in my practice and continue to expand my knowledge of the law.

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Be respectful in my conduct toward my adversaries.

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Honor the spirit and intent, as well as the requirements, of applicable rules or codes of professional conduct, and shall encourage others to do so.