

# Oregon State Bar

## Statement of Professionalism

*Adopted by the Oregon State Bar House of Delegates and  
Approved by the Supreme Court of Oregon effective September 16, 2019*

As lawyers, we belong to a profession that serves our clients and the public good. As officers of the court, we aspire to a professional standard of conduct that goes beyond merely complying with the ethical rules. Professionalism is consistent conduct that includes compliance with all ethical rules promulgated by the Oregon Supreme Court, courageous representation of clients, striving for the public good and complying with the following principles in dealing with our clients, opposing parties, opposing counsel, the courts and all others:

- I will promote the integrity of the profession and the legal system.
- I will work to ensure access to justice for all segments of society.
- I will avoid all forms of discrimination.
- I will protect and improve the image of the legal profession in the eyes of the public.
- I will support a diverse bench and bar.
- I will promote respect for the courts.
- I will support the education of the public about the legal system.
- I will work to achieve my client's goals, while at the same time maintain my professional ability to give independent legal advice to my client.
- I will always advise my clients of the costs and potential benefits or risks of any considered legal position or course of action.
- I will communicate fully and openly with my client, and use written fee agreements with my clients.
- I will not employ tactics that are intended to delay, harass, or drain the financial resources of any party.
- I will always be prepared for any proceeding in which I am representing my client.
- I will be courteous and respectful to my clients, to adverse litigants and adverse counsel, and to the court.
- I will only pursue positions and litigation that have merit.
- I will explore all legitimate methods and opportunities to resolve disputes at every stage in my representation of my client.
- I will support pro bono activities.



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Board of  
Bar Examiners

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Committee on Professionalism

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (please print name),  
declare that I am an applicant for membership in the Oregon  
State Bar and that I have read the Statement of Professionalism  
provided by the Board of Bar examiners. Furthermore, I declare  
that while I am engaged in the practice of law as a member of  
the Oregon State Bar, I will subscribe to the principles set out in  
the Statement of Professionalism.

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Signature