



# ALABAMA CODE OF PROFESSIONAL COURTESY

1. A lawyer should never attempt to deceive a client, another lawyer, or a tribunal.
2. A lawyer must honor promises and commitments made to another lawyer.
3. A lawyer should make all reasonable efforts to schedule matters with opposing counsel by agreement.
4. A lawyer should strive to maintain a cordial and respectful relationship with opposing counsel.
5. A lawyer should seek sanctions against opposing counsel only where required for the protection of the client and not merely for tactical advantage.
6. A lawyer should not make unfounded accusations of unethical conduct about opposing counsel.
7. A lawyer should never intentionally embarrass another lawyer and should avoid personal criticism of another lawyer.
8. A lawyer should always be punctual.
9. A lawyer should always seek informal agreement on procedural and preliminary matters before involving the court.
10. When each adversary proceeding ends, a lawyer should shake hands with the fellow lawyer who is the adversary; and the losing lawyer should refrain from engaging in any conduct which engenders disrespect for the court, the adversary or the parties.
11. A lawyer should communicate with opposing counsel to avoid litigation if possible and identify areas of potential agreement where they exist, remembering the obligation to be courteous to other lawyers.
12. A lawyer should recognize that advocacy does not include harassment or needless delay.
13. In all methods of communication with opposing counsel, a lawyer should communicate with civility and professionalism.
14. A lawyer should be ever mindful that any motion, trial, court appearance, deposition, pleading or legal technicality costs someone time and money and as such should not take actions deliberately designed to increase said time and money for opposing parties.
15. A lawyer should stand to address the court, be courteous, and not engage in recrimination with the court.
16. During any court proceeding, whether in the courtroom, in chambers, or by video conference, a lawyer should dress in proper attire to show proper respect for the court and the law.
17. A lawyer should not become too closely associated with a client's activities or emotionally involved with a client.
18. A lawyer should always act with integrity and should remember that the practice of law is neither an opportunity to make outrageous demands upon vulnerable opponents nor blind resistance to a just claim; being stubbornly litigious for a plaintiff or a defendant is not professional.