



ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
COMMITMENT TO PROFESSIONAL COURTESY

The Allen County Bar Association is committed to a high level of professional courtesy among members of the Allen County Bar Association, with the courts, and with others who interact with the legal system. In addition to adhering to the letter and the spirit of the rules of professional conduct, we adopt the following tenets of professional courtesy:

I.

A lawyer should maintain a cordial and respectful demeanor and should be guided by a fundamental sense of integrity and fair play.

II.

A lawyer should honor promises or commitments to other lawyers and to a court.

III.

Lawyers should treat each other, their clients, the opposing parties, the courts, and members of the public with courtesy and civility.

IV.

A lawyer should never knowingly deceive another lawyer or a court.

V.

In adversary proceedings, clients are litigants and though ill feelings may exist between clients, such ill feelings should not influence a lawyer's conduct, attitude, or demeanor towards opposing lawyers and parties.

VI.

A lawyer should make all reasonable efforts to schedule matters with opposing counsel by agreement and reach informal agreement on preliminary and procedural matters.

VII.

A lawyer should not abuse the judicial process by pursuing or opposing discovery arbitrarily or for the purpose of harassment or undue delay.

VIII.

A lawyer should always be punctual in communications with others and in honoring scheduled appearances.

IX.

A lawyer should refrain from and discourage conduct reflecting prejudice on the basis of gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, age, or religion.

X.

A lawyer should participate in pro bono activities and should support means of making legal services available to all.