

SO 1.95 Code of Professionalism

In all matters pertaining to dealings with the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, attorneys shall adhere to the Code of Professionalism as set forth below.

The Code of Professionalism

My word is my bond. I will never intentionally mislead the court or other counsel. I will not knowingly make statements of fact or law that are untrue.

I will clearly identify for other counsel changes I have made in documents submitted to me.

I will conduct myself with dignity, civility, courtesy and a sense of fair play.

I will not abuse or misuse the law, its procedures or the participants in the judicial process.

I will consult with other counsel whenever scheduling procedures are required and will be cooperative in scheduling discovery, hearings, the testimony of witnesses and in the handling of the entire course of any legal matter.

I will not file or oppose pleadings, conduct discovery or utilize any course of conduct for the purpose of undue delay or harassment of any other counsel or party. I will allow counsel fair opportunity to respond and will grant reasonable requests for extensions of time.

I will not engage in personal attacks on other counsel or the court. I will support my profession's efforts to enforce its disciplinary rules and will not make unfounded allegations of unethical conduct about other counsel.

I will not use the threat of sanctions as a litigation tactic.

I will cooperate with counsel and the court to reduce the cost of litigation and will readily stipulate to all matters not in dispute.

I will be punctual in my communication with clients, other counsel and the court, and in honoring scheduled appearances.

Attorneys who fail to comply with the Code of Professionalism may be subject to disciplinary action as set forth in LR83.2.4W (Rules of Conduct) and LR83.2.10W (Attorney Discipline) of the Local Rules of this court.