

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.

Display Your Commitment to Professionalism

The Oregon Bench/Bar Commission on Professionalism is sponsoring the sale of a Certificate of Professionalism, which was adapted from the Statement of Professionalism approved by the Oregon Supreme Court in 2006. A lawyer or law firm may purchase a Certificate of Professionalism by filling out and signing the Certification and Order Form (available below and at www.osbar.org), and returning it to the Oregon State Bar along with payment.

Order Form

Quantity Ordered	
Times per certificate price	x \$35
Total Enclosed 108-4999-073	\$

Send your check or money order, payable to the Oregon State Bar, along with this Certification and order form to:

Oregon State Bar
Professionalism Certificate
P.O. Box 231935
Tigard, OR 97281-1935

Attorney or Firm name printed here
Commitment to Professionalism

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 the courage to care about and act for the benefit of our clients, our peers, our careers, and the public good. Because we are committed to professionalism, we will conduct ourselves in a way consistent with the following principles in dealing with our clients, opposing parties, opposing counsel, the courts, and the public.

- 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 unlawful or unethical discrimination.
- I will protect and improve the image of the legal profession in the eyes of the public.
- I will promote respect for the courts.
- I will support the education of the public about the legal system.
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Name (please print or type)	OSB #
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Attorney or firm name to be imprinted on the Certificate: (please print or type in the box below, including all capitalization and punctuation. Do not abbreviate unless the abbreviation should be included on the certificate.)

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Certification

- Individual -

I certify that I have read the Oregon State Bar *Statement of Professionalism* and the text of the Commitment to Professionalism Certificate, and I pledge that I will practice law in accord with the *Statement* and Certificate.

Name (please print or type)	OSB #
Signature	Date

- Firm -

The undersigned law firm certifies that each lawyer practicing with the firm has read the Oregon State Bar *Statement of Professionalism* and the text of the Commitment to Professionalism Certificate and will practice law in accord with such *Statement* and Certificate.

Signed on behalf of the firm by

Name (please print or type)	OSB #
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