

Practicing Law in a Tech-Driven World

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Oath of an Attorney

(1) support the constitutions of the United States and this state; (2) honestly demean oneself in the practice of law; (3) discharge the attorney's duty to the attorney's client to the best of the attorney's ability; and (4) conduct oneself with integrity and civility in dealing and communication with the court and all parties.

Texas Lawyer's Creed

I am a lawyer. I am entrusted by the People of Texas to preserve and improve our legal system. I am licensed by the Supreme Court of Texas. I must therefore abide by the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct, but I know that Professionalism requires more than merely avoiding the violation of laws and rules. I am committed to this Creed for no other reason than it is right.

Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct

Serving as the basic tenets of professionalism for Texas lawyers, these rules establish the minimum standards for ethical conduct for purposes of professional **discipline**.

Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure

The Supreme Court of Texas is responsible for lawyer discipline and has the authority to maintain appropriate standards of professional conduct and to dispose of individual cases of lawyer discipline and disability. The Rules of Disciplinary Procedure establish the system for disciplining an attorney for violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

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