



Code of Professionalism

As a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, I shall



Always remember that the practice of law is first and foremost a profession.



Encourage respect for the law, the courts, and the right to trial by jury.



*Always remember that my word is my bond and honor my responsibilities to serve
as an officer of the court and protector of individual rights.*



*Contribute time and resources to public service, public education, charitable and
pro bono activities in my community.*



*Work with the other members of the bar, including judges, opposing counsel, and
those whose practices are different from mine, to make our system of justice
more accessible and responsive.*



*Resolve matters and disputes expeditiously, without unnecessary expense, and
through negotiation whenever possible.*



Keep my clients well-informed and involved in making decisions affecting them.



*Achieve and maintain proficiency in my practice and continue to expand
my knowledge of the law.*



Be respectful in my conduct toward my adversaries.



*Honor the spirit and intent, as well as the requirements of applicable rules or
codes of professional conduct, and shall encourage others to do so.*

