



KANSAS BAR
ASSOCIATION

Hallmarks of Professionalism

1. Shows respect for the legal system through appearance, manner, and conduct at all times;
2. Does not discuss client's affairs socially;
3. Does not blame others for the outcome of a case;
4. Recognizes one's income is secondary to serving the best interest of the client;
5. Communicates with clients, other lawyers, and the judiciary in a timely and complete manner and is prompt for all appointments;
6. Does not engage in ex parte communication with the court;
7. Expedites the resolution of disputes through research, articulation of claims, and clarifying the issues;
8. Abides by commitments regardless of whether they can be enforced in a courtroom;
9. Who as a member of the judiciary should avoid speech and gestures that indicate opinions not germane to the case, require lawyers to be comprehensible in the courtroom, and discuss pending cases only when all parties are present;
10. Is always mindful of the responsibility to foster respect for the role of the lawyer in society; and
11. Demonstrates respect for all persons, regardless of gender, race, or creed.