

Attorney Oath

I do solemnly swear I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida;

I will maintain the respect due to courts of justice and judicial officers;

I will not counsel or maintain any suit or proceedings which shall appear to me to be unjust, nor any defense except such as I believe to be honestly debatable under the law of the land;

I will employ for the purpose of maintaining the causes confided to me such means only as are consistent with truth and honor, and will never seek to mislead the judge or jury by any artifice or false statement of fact or law;

I will maintain the confidence and preserve inviolate the secrets of my clients, and will accept no compensation in connection with their business except from them or with their approval;

To opposing parties and their counsel, I pledge fairness, integrity, and civility, not only in court, but also in all written and oral communications;

I will abstain from all offensive personality and advance no fact prejudicial to the honor or reputation of a party or witness, unless required by the justice of the cause with which I am charged;

I will never reject, from any consideration personal to myself, the cause of the defenseless or oppressed, or delay anyone's cause for lucre or malice. So help me God.

The Professionalism Committee of
The Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida
presents

First Principles of Professionalism

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024

8:00AM TO 4:00PM

CIRCLE SQUARE CULTURAL CENTER
OCALA, FLORIDA



Conference Program

Program Events and Times

7:30 – 8:00	Sign In. Breakfast.
8:00 – 8:10	Welcome, by Professionalism Committee Chair, Judge Jennifer Bass, Fifth Judicial Circuit
8:10 – 8:15	Welcome, Chief Judge Daniel B. Merritt, Jr.
8:15 – 8:25	Invocation by Judge S. Sue Robbins (Retired)
8:25 – 8:30	Introduction of Justice Alan Lawson (Retired), Florida Supreme Court
8:30 – 9:30	Justice Alan Lawson (Ret.), Florida Supreme Court, <i>"Professionalism and the Pursuit of Happiness: An Unexpected Connection Our Founders Understood."</i>
9:30 – 9:45	Break
9:45 – 9:50	Introduction of Scott Westheimer, President of the Florida Bar
9:50 – 10:40	Scott Westheimer, Esq. <i>"How to Avoid Florida's Lawyer Discipline System"</i>
10:40 – 10:50	Break
10:50 – 10:55	Introduction of Chief Judge Nushin Sayfie, Eleventh Judicial Circuit

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10:55 – 11:45	Chief Judge Nushin Sayfie, <i>"Professionalism and Uncivil Behavior"</i>
12:00 – 1:30	Lunch
1:30 – 1:35	Introduction of Chief Judge Mark Klingensmith, Fourth District Court of Appeals
1:35 – 2:45	Chief Judge Mark Klingensmith ChatGPT (<i>ChatGPT and the future of the judiciary with AI. This is a technology component.</i>)
2:45 – 3:15	Gordon Glover, Esq. Florida Bar <i>Special Committee on AI Tools & Resources</i>
3:15 – 3:30	Professionalism Awards and Adjournment

Written Materials

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