



Resolution in Support of the Texas Day of Civility

In conjunction with the Supreme Court of Texas and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, we, the State Bar of Texas, support the designation of September 17, 2021, as the Texas Day of Civility in the Law in the State of Texas.

On that day, we join our state's highest courts in urging all lawyers to participate in programs, whether virtually or in person, at bar associations around the State of Texas that will commemorate and focus upon the spirit and aspirations set forth in the Texas Lawyer's Creed.

Further, we urge all lawyers to conduct themselves and provide legal services with the utmost courtesy, professionalism, and civility toward their clients, judges, adversaries and opposing counsel, peers, and colleagues alike.

The Supreme Court of Texas and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals adopted the Texas Lawyer's Creed by order of November 7, 1989, reaffirmed the creed on March 26, 2013, and added amendments through February 1, 2016. The order adopting the creed reminded lawyers of the importance of performing their duties in an ethical, professional, and civil manner when it said in part:

"The conduct of a lawyer should be characterized at all times by honesty, candor, and fairness. In fulfilling his or her primary duty to a client, a lawyer must be ever mindful of the profession's broader duty to the legal system."

Civility is at the heart of the Texas Lawyer's Creed and is the hallmark of a professional. We urge all lawyers to act with civility to preserve our system of justice and to embrace the principles espoused by the Texas Lawyer's Creed as they vigorously represent their clients. In these difficult and unprecedented times, civility and collegiality within the profession and the justice system are as meaningful and essential as ever before.


Signed this 16th day of April 2021.



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