
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

Eliminating Bias in the Courts

April 20, 2018
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Ocala Hilton



Conference Program

Program Events and Times

- 7:30-8:00 Sign In. Breakfast.
- 8:00-8:30 Circuit Judge Willard Pope reading “Invocation: Lincoln’s Notes for a Law Lecture,”
- Fifth Circuit Chief Judge Sue Robbins Reading of the Attorney Oath, and Opening Remarks Concerning Bias Elimination in the Courts
- 8:30-9:05 Justice Barbara Pariente of the Florida Supreme Court “The Value of Diversity in Society and the Courts, and the Need for Bias Elimination”
- 9:05-10:10 Dr. Kate Ratliff of the University of Florida, “Implicit Bias and Project Implicit”
- 10:10-10:25 Break
- 10:25-11:30 Circuit Judge Peter Estrada, Chairman of the Florida Supreme Court Standing Committee On Diversity, “Racial Bias in Sentencing and Strategies to Avoid the Appearance and Effects of Racial Bias in Sentencing”
- 11:30-12:35 Arnell Bryant-Willis, Esq., Diversity Initiatives Manager for The Florida Bar “Diversity Initiatives and Initiatives to Eliminate Racial Bias in the Courts”
- 12:35-1:35 Break for Lunch (included) – Small Group Discussion
High School Student Award Presentation – Conference
Sponsored Essay Contest On the Effects of Bias and the Importance of Bias Elimination

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- 1:35-2:40 Dr. Jean Kilbourne, “The Naked Truth: Advertising’s Image of Women”
- 2:40-2:45 Stretch Break
- 2:45-3:50 Laura Rosenbury, Dean of the University of Florida Levin College of Law, “Gender Bias in the Courts”
- 3:50-4:00 Theresa Baker, Esq. and Circuit Judge Lawrence Semento, Presentation of the Fifth Circuit Professionalism Award

Written Materials

Conference written materials are available at:

<http://www.circuit5.org>

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