

Lawyers' Code of Ethics B.E. 2529 (1986)

Objectives

Article 1. The objectives of this Code of Ethics are:

- (1) To establish standards of ethical and professional conduct for lawyers in order to ensure justice, rule of law, and ideals of the legal profession.
- (2) To promote honor and dignity in the legal profession.
- (3) To ensure lawyers discharge their duties honestly and ethically.

General Principles

Article 2. A lawyer must be honest and ethical. A lawyer must not engage in any dishonest or deceitful act.

Article 3. A lawyer must be knowledgeable and competent in the law. A lawyer must serve clients with care and diligence.

Article 4. A lawyer must maintain confidentiality of client information. A lawyer must not disclose confidential information unless permitted by the client or required by law.

Article 5. A lawyer must serve clients loyally. A lawyer must inform clients of all developments in their case.

Article 6. A lawyer must not encourage unnecessary or specious litigation. A lawyer must not assert false claims on a client's behalf.

Article 7. A lawyer must refuse to take on a case if it is obvious the client's position is untenable. However, a lawyer may take on a criminal case regardless of the client's guilt.

Article 8. A lawyer must not make false statements or misrepresent facts to the court. A lawyer has a duty to present honest and truthful information.

Article 9. A lawyer must adhere to regulations regarding advertising and marketing of legal services. A lawyer must not overcharge or set inappropriate fees.

Article 10. A lawyer must maintain courteous, honest professional relationships with opposing counsel and involved parties. A lawyer must not take advantage of inadvertent mistakes made by others.

Article 11. A lawyer must avoid conflicts of interest. A lawyer must not accept clients if there is a conflict with current or former clients. Exceptions may be made with consent.

Article 12. A lawyer must improve the legal system and access to justice. A lawyer should engage in pro bono work when possible.

Discipline

Article 13. Lawyers who violate or fail to comply with the Code of Ethics will face disciplinary action.

Article 14. Disciplinary procedures and sanctions are prescribed in the Lawyers Act B.E. 2528 (1985).