

Lawyer's Oath

*I do solemnly swear:*

*I will support the Constitution of the United States and the  
Constitution of the State of Michigan;*

*I will maintain the respect due to Courts of Justice  
and judicial officers;*

*I will not counsel or maintain any suit or proceeding 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 client, and will accept no compensation in connection with his  
business except from him or with his knowledge and approval;*

*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 any man's  
cause for lucre or malice;*

*I will in all other respects conduct myself personally and  
professionally in conformity with the high standards of conduct  
imposed upon members of the bar as conditions for the  
privilege to practice law in this State.*