



Federal Bar Association

Policy No. 1-13: Standards of Professional Ethics and Conduct

Approved By: Board of Directors

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Policy:

This Standards of Professional Ethics and Conduct (“Policy”) applies to all Leaders of the Federal Bar Association (“Association”). The term “Leader” is defined as all elected and appointed representatives of the Association, including officers, directors, committee chairs and members, or any member of the Association that has responsibility for any aspect of the Association’s activities, business, or operations. It includes Leaders at every level—national, circuit, chapter, section, and division but excludes employees of the Association.

1. Each Leader will abide by the Association’s Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies, and will ensure that his or her Association membership remains in good standing at all times.
2. Each Leader will use the position of Leader solely to conduct the business affairs of the Association and will do so in good faith and with professionalism, honesty, and integrity.
3. Each Leader, when conducting the business affairs of the Association, will interact with all individuals, including, but not limited to, members, officers, directors, meeting attendees, exhibitors, advertisers, sponsors, suppliers, vendors, contractors and employees of the Association, in a responsible, respectful and professional manner and will not engage in any demeaning, discriminatory or harassing behavior toward any such individuals.
4. Each Leader will use his or her best efforts to regularly attend and meaningfully participate in Association meetings related to that person’s role as a Leader, including reviewing all information and materials sent to him or her in connection with the Association’s business in a timely manner.
5. Each Leader will act at all times in the best interests of the Association and will avoid placing (and avoid the appearance of placing) one’s own self-interest or any third-party interest above that of the Association or utilizing the position of Leader or affiliation with the Association for personal gain.

Leaders are subject to oversight from the Board of Directors, up to and including admonishment and removal from leadership position, in connection with their conduct, as it relates to the Association.

Purpose:

To establish a set of standards of professional ethics and conduct for Leaders of the Association.

Change Notice: September 5, 2024