

## “Dondi” Standards\*

1. In fulfilling his or her primary duty to the client, a lawyer must be ever conscious of the broader duty to the judicial system that serves both attorney and client.
2. A lawyer owes, to the judiciary, candor, diligence, and utmost respect.
3. A lawyer owes, to opposing counsel, a duty of courtesy, cooperation, the observance of which is necessary for the efficient administration of our system of justice and respect of the public it serves.
4. A lawyer unquestionably owes, to the administration of justice, the fundamental duties of personal dignity and professional integrity.
5. Lawyers should treat each other, the opposing party, the court, and members of the court staff with courtesy and civility and conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times.
6. A client has no right to demand that counsel abuse the opposite party or indulge in offensive conduct. A lawyer shall always treat adverse witnesses and suits with fairness and due consideration.
7. In adversary proceedings, clients are litigants and though ill feeling may exist between clients, such ill feelings should not influence a lawyer’s conduct, attitude or demeanor towards opposing lawyers.
8. A lawyer should not use any form of discovery, or the scheduling of discovery, as a means of harassing opposing counsel or counsel’s client.
9. Lawyers will be punctual in communications with others and in honoring scheduled appearances, and will recognize that neglect and tardiness are demeaning to the lawyer and the judicial system.

