

Preadmission Education

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PROFESSIONALLY SPEAKING

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Successful communication strategies for professionals

- Aspirations for the ideal professional
- Becoming familiar with local customs
- Roles played by an attorney
- Intergenerational communication

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Aspirations for the ideal professional

- Defining the standard:
 - Fundamental Principles of Professional Conduct – to what extent will your actions rise above minimum standards?

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Aspirations for the ideal professional

- "I will abstain from all offensive personalities..."
- "Professionalism is ... complete candor, honesty, courtesy and avoidance of unnecessary conflict in all relationships..."

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Becoming familiar with local customs

- Addressing the Judge
- Interacting with court staff
- Addressing opposing counsel
- Is there a dress code?

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Becoming familiar with local customs

Conduct is to be measured against the spirit and purpose of the rules, not against the standard of practice of the local bar.

- Fisons (1993)

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Roles played by an attorney

- Counselor
- Advisor
- Advocate
- Officer of the court
- Colleague

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Intergenerational communication

- How do we bridge the generation gap when there are four distinct generations working side-by-side for the first time in history?

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Successful communication strategies for professionals

- Conclusion
- Questions?
