

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

L A W C E N T E R

EXTERN'S ETHICAL OATH

I, _____, solemnly swear to uphold the Honor Code of Southern University Law Center and the values and expectations expressed as a student extern. I understand that my legal reputation started on my first day of law school and will carry throughout my participation in an externship. I promise to prepare diligently for this externship so that I may competently represent those who trustingly supervise and seek my aid in time of need. I will check my official e-mail regularly and respond to communications promptly, accurately, and courteously. I acknowledge that I will be a zealous advocate, but will act with courtesy and cooperation toward others, and I will at all times, personally and professionally, conduct myself in a professional manner. I understand that my actions and words, including those shown on social media, reflect on the legal profession. I will strive to promote an atmosphere of collegiality with my peers. I will treat myself and others with respect.

I acknowledge and accept the privileges and responsibilities inherent in my becoming a lawyer, and the high standards and ideals that accompany such an undertaking. Accordingly, I pledge that I will at all times conduct myself with the dignity befitting an advocate and counselor in a learned profession. I commit myself to service without prejudice, integrity without compromise, and the diligent performance of my duties with the utmost good faith. I will remember that my responsibilities to the legal profession should control my conduct as a student of the law, extern and, therefore, as a member of the bar.

I hereby accept my new status as a professional extern, and I will approach my colleagues and adversaries alike with the same integrity, professionalism and civility that the practice of law demands.

This pledge I take freely and upon my honor.

Student's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____