

# NEW YORK STATE BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS



## CIVILITY POLICY<sup>1</sup>

- I. The Board and Board personnel are an integral part of the court system and should be treated with courtesy and respect at all times.
- II. Applicants for the bar examination or admission on motion should:
  - A. Strive to uphold the honor and dignity of the legal profession.
  - B. Maintain a respectful attitude toward the Board.
  - C. Speak and write civilly and respectfully in all communications with the Board and Board personnel.
  - D. Conduct themselves with dignity and refrain from engaging in acts of rudeness, disrespect or disorder.
  - E. Cooperate with the Board and Board personnel in all matters.
- III. Violations of this Civility Policy may, in the discretion of the Board, be reported to the Committee on Character & Fitness having jurisdiction over the applicant, or form the basis of a charge under Board Rule 6000.9 which prohibits Fraud, Dishonesty and Other Misconduct.

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<sup>1</sup> Portions of this Civility Policy are based on the New York State Standards of Civility for the legal profession, available at [http://www.nycourts.gov/press/old\\_keep/stnds.shtml](http://www.nycourts.gov/press/old_keep/stnds.shtml).