

**Indiana Rules of Court
Rules for Admission to the Bar
and the Discipline of Attorneys**

Rule 22. Oath of Attorneys

Upon being admitted to practice law in the state of Indiana, each applicant shall take and subscribe to the following oath or affirmation:

“I do solemnly swear or affirm that:

I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Indiana;

I will maintain the respect due to courts of justice and judicial officers;

I will not counsel or maintain any action, proceeding, or defense which shall appear to me to be unjust, but this obligation shall not prevent me from defending a person charged with crime in any case;

I will employ for the purpose of maintaining the causes confided to me, such means only as are consistent with truth, and never seek to mislead the court or jury by any artifice or false statement of fact or law;

I will maintain the confidence and preserve inviolate the secrets of my client at every peril to myself;

I will abstain from offensive personality and advance no fact prejudicial to the honor or reputation of a party or witness, unless required by the justice of the cause with which I am charged;

I will not encourage either the commencement or the continuance of any action or proceeding from any motive of passion or interest;

I will never reject, from any consideration personal to myself, the cause of the defenseless, the oppressed or those who cannot afford adequate legal assistance; so help me God.”