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- ◆ We will only pursue litigation, engage in conduct, or take positions that have merit.
- ◆ We will act in a timely fashion.
- ◆ We will support a diverse bench and bar.
- ◆ We will not engage in or condone unlawful or unethical discrimination.
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The Professionalism Statement developed by the MBA Professionalism Committee is free for MBA members. The statement is printed on quality 11 x 14" parchment paper and is suitable for framing. A smaller version of the statement is displayed in Multnomah County courtrooms.

Reconfirm your commitment to professionalism; order your professionalism statement today!

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I will honor the professionalism statement and display it in a prominent location.

Signature: _____

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