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PROPOSED REVISED OATH

I, (state your name), do solemnly swear or affirm that I will preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Arizona.

I will maintain the dignity of the legal system and conduct myself in a professional manner in the practice of law by adhering to the Rules of Professional Conduct and the Lawyer's Creed of Professionalism.

Toward that end, I will:

Act with honesty and integrity;

Demonstrate civility, courtesy and respect;

Keep the confidences of my clients;

Assist the defenseless and oppressed, ensuring that justice is available to all; and

Use my legal knowledge for the betterment of society and improvement of the legal system;

I will not:

Accept any compensation that would compromise my representation of any client;

Render advice or take any position for a client that I do not believe to be meritorious and just;

Disparage a party or witness unless required to do so in the interest of justice in a case; nor

Manifest bias or prejudice on the basis of race, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or socioeconomic status, although I may engage in legitimate advocacy when such classification is an issue in a legal proceeding.