



## Statement of Professional Obligations

The University of Wisconsin Law School's Office of Career and Professional Development (OCPD) is committed to each student's professional and personal growth as it relates to the study and practice of law. Your career in the law began the day you chose to come to Wisconsin Law to study. It is a critical decision that comes with great responsibility. At Wisconsin Law, we are concerned about your professional growth and how that growth takes place, as well as how you, as a future lawyer, will engage in the profession and the practice of law. In light of such values, students, staff, and faculty are expected to adhere to the highest level of ethical and professional behavior.

By acknowledging receipt of this document, you agree to abide by the following principles as they relate to your relationship with the OCPD, future employers, and each other.

- I agree to follow the policies and procedures outlined on OCPD's website (<https://law.wisc.edu/career/>).
- I understand that I have an ethical and professional responsibility to manage my career, which includes but is not limited to: registering on Symplicity, making and keeping appointments with OCPD staff, and keeping accurate and updated information on my Symplicity profile.
- I understand that I must provide accurate and honest information in any correspondence with the OCPD, the law school, employers, and alumni, which includes but is not limited to: all resumes, cover letters, student profiles, letters of reference, and follow-up correspondence.
- I understand the significance of all interviews, programming, and activities that I choose to participate in that are related to my job search and career development. As such, I understand that I am required to attend any interviews, job fairs, and programming I sign up for through the OCPD, its job posting services, alumni contacts, or other resources.
- I understand that I must have at least one meeting with an OCPD counselor during each of my years in law school.
- I understand I must report my job status to the OCPD upon acceptance of an offer for summer or post-graduate employment.
- I understand that I must abide by the National Association of Law Placement's (NALP) Principles and Standards for Law Placement and Recruiting Activities in their entirety, including the General Provisions governing affirming, holding open, and accepting offers, and the Ethical Standards for Candidates. ([www.nalp.org](http://www.nalp.org)).
- I understand that my failure to adhere to these principles could negatively impact the employment opportunities of my fellow students and the reputation of Wisconsin Law and its standing in the legal community.
- I understand that once I have accepted an employment offer, absent extraordinary circumstances, I must not rescind that acceptance.
- I understand that failure to comply with these Professional Obligations may result in consequences imposed by the OCPD and the Law School.

I hereby acknowledge my receipt and understanding of the Statement of Professional Obligations:

Sign Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_