

Civility Month – October 2017

YOU'RE INVITED

Please join us in celebrating CIVILITY this month.

WHEN: October 1, 2017- October 31, 2017

WHY: The Judges of the Eighth Circuit believe in, and endeavor to promote, civility among members of the Florida Bar. The Florida Bar requires its members to comply with certain minimum standards of professional conduct. One of the essential components of professionalism is civility. In fact, the Florida Bar's Oath of Admission now contains a provision in which attorneys pledge to practice with civility:

"To opposing parties and their counsel, I pledge fairness, integrity, and civility, not only in court, but also in all written and oral communications."

WHAT: We are hosting a CIVILITY campaign for the month of October. Attorneys are asked to describe a recent event in which another attorney demonstrated civility. For example, an attorney might write, "Last week, while in Court, opposing counsel did X, Y, or Z. These actions demonstrated civility." The submitting attorney may choose to name, or not to name, the attorney who was demonstrating civility. All submissions will be placed into a drawing and at the end of the month, one submission will be randomly chosen to win a \$50 gift card to a local dining establishment. The attorney making the submission will receive the prize AND if the attorney demonstrating civility was named by the submitting attorney, that attorney will also receive the prize.

HOW: Please send all submissions to DunawayR@circuit8.org. The subject line of the email should be "Civility Contest". Anonymous submissions will be accepted in Room 415 of the Alachua County Family/Civil Courthouse (but will not be eligible for the drawing). All submissions must be received by October 31, 2017 at 3:00pm.

Thank you for practicing with civility in our circuit.