



Civility in the Practice of Law

A Certificate Program

OVERVIEW

The vision of the American Inns of Court is a legal profession and judiciary dedicated to professionalism, ethics, civility, and excellence. To achieve this vision, the American Inns of Court aims to inspire the legal community to advance the rule of law by achieving the highest level of professionalism through example, education, and mentoring. While the concept of civility in the law is broad, this certificate course is designed to help attorneys focus on pragmatic ways to incorporate and apply civility to their practice of law.

During this experience, participants will:

- Learn about the role civility has played throughout history and its continued relevance and explore the interconnectedness of law and civility.
- Review commonly accepted challenges in modern practice.
- Make connections between civility in the profession and lawyer well-being.
- Consider the value of putting civility at the heart of civics education.
- Investigate the relationship between civility and public confidence in the courts.
- Determine if mandating civility as a requirement for practicing law is a net positive.

The course is self-study education and participants can complete it at their own pace.

- The course is comprised of five modules.
- Participants may be eligible to earn 5-7 CLE professionalism/ethics credit hours in most jurisdictions.
- At the end of each module, you will be prompted to think about how civility – or lack thereof – affects you and your practice. You can track this in a template designed to assist you in creating your own Personal Professional Creed.
- Upon completion of the required elements, participants will be issued a "Civility in the Practice of Law" certificate from the American Inns of Court.

Course Work (*required for earning the certificate*)

- Module 01: Traditions of Civility
- Module 02: Civility and Civics
- Module 03: Civility and Lawyer Wellbeing
- Module 04: Public Confidence in the Courts
- Module 05: Mandating Civility
- Watch videos, read articles and complete the self-reflection exercises
- Complete the evaluation

Each module contains approximately one hour of on-demand content, including completion of the activities and personal journaling.