

## **ESSENTIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES FOR ADMISSION**

**1.20 Standards of an Attorney:** An attorney should have a record of conduct that demonstrates a level of judgment and diligence that will result in adequate representation of the best interests of clients and that justifies the trust of clients, adversaries, courts, and the general public with respect to professional duties owed.

**1.25 Essential Eligibility Requirements:** The board considers demonstration of the following attributes, and the likelihood that one will utilize these attributes in the practice of law, to be essential for all applicants seeking admission to the Oregon Bar:

- a. Knowledge of the fundamental principles of law and application;
- b. The ability to competently undertake fundamental legal skills commensurate with being a lawyer, such as legal reasoning and analysis, recollection of complex factual information and integration of such information with complex legal theories, problem solving, and recognition and resolution of ethical dilemmas; and
- c. Ability to:
  - i. Communicate honestly, candidly, and civilly with clients, attorneys, courts, and others;
  - ii. Conduct financial dealings in a responsible, honest, and trustworthy manner;
  - iii. Conduct oneself with respect for and in accordance with the law;
  - iv. Demonstrate regard for the rights, safety, and welfare of others;
  - v. Demonstrate good judgment on behalf of clients and in conducting one's professional business;
  - vi. Act diligently, reliably, and punctually in fulfilling obligations to clients, lawyers, courts, and others;
  - vii. Comply with deadlines and time constraints;
  - viii. Comply with the requirements of applicable state, local, and federal laws, rules, and regulations; any applicable order of a court or tribunal; and the Rules of Professional Conduct.