

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

LEGAL PROFESSIONALISM MONTH

WHEREAS: The State Bar of Georgia advocates for all members of the Georgia Bar to be civil with

one another during their representation of clients; and

WHEREAS: Collegiality among counsel is critical to the effective and efficient adjudication of cases

and controversies before Georgia Courts; and

WHEREAS: Decreased collegiality and professionalism between opposing counsel leads to

increased hostility between litigants in Georgia's court system; and

WHEREAS: Increased collegiality between counsel and litigants may result in decreased costs to

> parties of a lawsuit while increased collegiality and decreased hostility between counsel and litigants may result in the decreased costs for Georgia's Courts to administer

justice; and

WHEREAS: Increased legal professionalism may help to instill public trust and confidence in the

legal system; and

WHEREAS: In the spirit of collegiality and encouraging adversaries to join in the spirit of

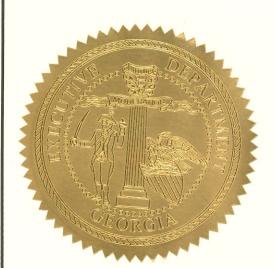
> connecting with one another to foster positive professional relationships, the State Bar of Georgia's Committee on Professionalism has created an event to encourage

collegiality among members of the bar; now

I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April THEREFORE:

2024, as LEGAL PROFESSIONALISM MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 24th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



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