

# Certificate of Commitment

## Goal30 October 2013

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Preamble: The economy and the increased availability of options for the public to interact in the family law arena without professional representation results in the public being uninformed about their rights, the law, and the impact of their decisions on their children. Many of these decisions are detrimental to the individual, their children, and the public at large.

Attorneys specializing in family law advise, guide, and problem solve for the client. These actions, executed at the highest level of professionalism, benefit the client, their children and society. The public is more likely to hire family law professionals if they perceive value in doing so. That value is enhanced when all attorneys (as a community) act in accordance with the **Texas Lawyer's Creed**. The benefit and value to a member of the public in hiring a legal professional following the **Texas Lawyer's Creed** cannot be accomplished with DIY forms.

The **Texas Lawyers Creed, A Mandate for Professionalism** was reaffirmed by the Texas Supreme Court March, 2013. The law is a profession, not a trade. Attorneys are subject to a code of ethics. Being professional requires not just book knowledge and litigation skills but emotional intelligence, (the ability to identify, assess, and control the emotions of oneself, of others, and of groups), as well. Legal professionals themselves are responsible for their behavior; it is not the responsibility of the court.

**I commit to the following in the month of October 2013.** (Initial each line)

- \_\_\_\_ 1. I will read the Texas Lawyer's Creed with an attitude of inspiration.
- \_\_\_\_ 2. I will reflect on my personal habits and personality as they relate to the Creed.
- \_\_\_\_ 3. I will conduct my professional activities in accordance with the Creed.
- \_\_\_\_ 4. I will encourage three other attorneys to commit to Goal30.

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