

## **CAROLINA COMMITMENT**

As a student entering the University of North Carolina School of Law, I understand that I am joining an academic community and embarking on a professional career. I gratefully acknowledge the privileges inherent in becoming a lawyer and willingly and wholeheartedly accept the responsibilities that accompany those privileges that are entrusted to me by the bar, the bench, and the public. My career as a lawyer begins today.

I promise to do my utmost to live up to the high ideals of my chosen profession and to uphold the highest standards of academic honesty and ethical practice throughout my training and the remainder of my professional life. I will remember that my actions reflect not only upon myself, but upon the UNC School of Law and the legal profession.

To strengthen the law school community, I will conduct myself with dignity and civility and will treat all of my colleagues -- students, staff, and faculty -- with kindness and respect.

I commit to conduct my academic, professional, and personal life in accordance with the values and standards expressed by the University Honor System and shared by the legal profession.

This pledge I take freely and upon my honor.