

10 BASIC RIGHTS FOR FLORIDA LEGAL CLIENTS

When I retain a lawyer, I am entitled to one who:

- 1.** WILL be capable of handling my case.
- 2.** WILL represent me zealously and seek any lawful means to present or defend my case.
- 3.** WILL preserve my confidences, secrets or statements which I reveal in the course of our relationship.
- 4.** WILL give me the right to make the ultimate decision on the objectives to be pursued in my case.
- 5.** WILL charge me a reasonable fee and tell me, in advance of being hired and upon my request, the basis of that fee.
- 6.** WILL show me courtesy and consideration at all times.
- 7.** WILL exercise independent professional judgment in my behalf, free from compromising influences.
- 8.** WILL inform me periodically about the status of my case and, at my request, give me copies of documents prepared.
- 9.** WILL exhibit the highest degree of ethical conduct.
- 10.** WILL refer me to other legal counsel, if he or she cannot properly represent me.