

1 special masters and all who work in any such capacity under their direction.

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3 **Lawyers' Duties to the Court**

- 4 1. We will speak and write civilly and respectfully in all communications with the
5 Court, which includes judicial staff, special masters and monitors appointed by the
6 Court.
- 7 2. We will be punctual and prepared for all court appearances so that all hearings,
8 conferences, on-site inspections and trials may commence on time.
- 9 3. We will be considerate of the time constraints and pressures on the Court and court
10 staff, special masters and monitors, inherent in their efforts to administer justice.
- 11 4. We will not engage in any conduct that brings disorder or disruption to the
12 courtroom or any other place where Court-directed proceedings occur. We will
13 advise our clients and witnesses appearing in court of the proper conduct expected
14 and required there and, to the best of our ability, prevent our clients and witnesses
15 from creating disorder or disruption.
- 16 5. We will not knowingly misrepresent, mischaracterize or misquote facts or
17 authorities in any oral or written communication to the Court.
- 18 6. Before dates for hearings, trials or any other proceedings are set, or if that is not
19 feasible, immediately after such date has been set, we will attempt to verify the
20 availability of necessary participants and witnesses so we can promptly notify the
21 Court and/or its staff of any likely problems.
- 22 7. We will act and speak civilly to court bailiffs, clerks, deputies, court reporters, court
23 interpreters, assistants, law clerks, special masters and monitors with an awareness
24 that they, too, are an integral part of the judicial system.
8. We will at all times abide by the Model Rules of Professional Conduct, as well as
in civil cases comply with Fed.R.Civ.P. 11, as well as avoid all vexatious litigation,
see 28 U.S.C. § 1927.

21 **Court's Duties to Lawyers**

- 22 1. We will be courteous, respectful, and civil to lawyers, parties, and witnesses. We
23 will maintain control of the proceedings, recognizing that judges, and all those under
24 their direction, have both the obligation and the authority to insure that all

1 proceedings are conducted in a civil manner.

2 2. We will be punctual in convening all hearings, meetings, and conferences; if
3 delayed, we will notify counsel, if possible.

4 3. In scheduling all hearings, meetings and conferences, we will be considerate of time
5 schedules of lawyers, parties, and witnesses.

6 4. We will make all reasonable efforts to decide promptly all matters presented to us
7 for decision or recommendation.

8 5. We will give the issues in controversy deliberate, impartial, and studied analysis and
9 consideration.

10 6. While endeavoring to resolve disputes efficiently, we will be considerate of the time
11 constraints and pressures imposed on lawyers by the exigencies of federal practice.

12 7. We recognize that a lawyer has a right and a duty to present a cause fully and
13 properly, and that a litigant has a right to a fair and impartial hearing.

14 8. We will not impugn the integrity or professionalism of any lawyer on the basis of
15 the clients whom or the causes which a lawyer represents.

16 9. We will not adopt procedures that needlessly increase litigation expense.

17 10. We will bring to lawyers' attention uncivil conduct which we observe.

18 11. We will at all times abide by the Code of Judicial Conduct.

19 This Standing Order shall be notified by the Clerk of Court to all members of the bar of this
20 Court, as well as entered in all of the undersigned's pending and future civil and criminal cases.

21 **SO ORDERED.**

22 In San Juan, Puerto Rico this 1st day of August, 2017.

23 *s/ Gustavo A. Gelpí*
24 GUSTAVO A. GELPÍ
United States District Judge