

4121-2-01 Standards of practice for attorneys, agents, and representatives of claimants or employers**Effective: February 1, 1999**

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(A) Reasonable standards for those attorneys, agents and representatives who practice before the bureau of workers' compensation and the industrial commission shall include:

(1) Such attorney, agent or representative shall make himself competent to handle such matters by becoming familiar with the statutes, decisions of the courts, and rules of the bureau and industrial commission relating to workers' compensation.

(2) Shall make adequate preparation before filing an application or appearing at a hearing.

(3) Shall not neglect or procrastinate in regard to any matter in which he represents a party.

(4) Abide by the rules of the bureau or the commission in appearing for a party or in filing applications.

(5) In general conduct himself in accordance with the code of professional responsibility as adopted by the supreme court of Ohio under date of October 5, 1970.

(B) No person who solicits or who causes claims to be solicited shall be allowed to practice or represent parties before the industrial commission, or the bureau (section 4123.96 of the Revised Code). No person other than an attorney in good standing may render advice or services in the preparation or presentation of a claim for compensation arising under the workers' compensation laws of Ohio if a fee for such advice or services is to be received from or charged against the one having such claim.