

## **Rule 1000-1: Prohibition of Bias**

Litigation, inside and outside the courtroom, in the United States District Court for the District of Arizona, including the bankruptcy court, must be free from prejudice and bias in any form. Fair and equal treatment must be accorded all courtroom participants, whether judges, attorneys, witnesses, litigants, jurors, or court personnel. The duty to be respectful of others includes the responsibility to avoid comment or behavior that can reasonably be interpreted as manifesting prejudice or bias toward another on the basis of categories such as sex, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, disability, age, ~~or~~ sexual orientation, national origin, genetic information, marital status, or veteran status.

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Committee Notes 2014: Revised to add references to sex, national origin, genetic information, marital status, and veteran status consistent with protections provided under federal law.