

The Core Duties of Lawyers

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A bit of history

In a speech at the opening of the Law Society Hall in Chancery Lane in 1835, the speaker said the Law Society was about three things:-

- lobbying
- mutual support
- upholding standards.



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Upholding Standards

- Professionalism
- Lawyers in the early 19th and 20th Centuries were to some extent unaccountable and yet also trusted advisors who would do the right thing.
- Peer pressure and social status generally did the trick



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