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Florida State Representative John Thrasher

Florida State Representative John Thrasher began his political career with election to the Clay County School Board in 1986. He served as Vice Chairman, then Chairman, of the Board before running for the Florida House of Representatives. In 1992 he was elected to his first term as a State Representative. In 1994 and 1996 he was honored as the "Legislator of the Year" by the Florida School Board Association, and in 1994 as "Champion of Florida School Children" by the House Republican Caucus.

As Co-chair of the House Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee and as a member of the Civil Justice and Claims, Education Appropriations and Utilities and Communications committees, Rep. Thrasher has distinguished himself as a champion for causes that concern all Floridians: quality education, fighting crime, and preserving family values, while assuring that tax dollars are not wasted on extravagant government programs. He has worked to address patient concerns and the sanctity of the patient-health care provider relationship in the changing health care system, and he supports medical research to assure that Florida has an adequate number of trained health professionals.

A prominent attorney, Rep. Thrasher earned his law degree, with honors, from Florida State University. For 20 years, he served as general counsel for the Florida Medical Association.

Rep. Thrasher was rated in 1997 as one of the most effective members of the Florida House of Representatives. Later that year, he was unanimously elected Speaker-designate of the Florida House of Representatives for the 1999-2000 term.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT OATH

As a physician assistant,

I pledge my honor and conscience in the art of medicine.

I recognize the responsibility placed upon me for the health and the very lives of others,
and will always hold their care and well being as the paramount consideration.

I will seek always to understand fully my own personal capabilities and be guided in my management
of the sick and injured by that self knowledge.

I recognize my responsibilities to impart to others who seek the profession of medicine
such knowledge of its ardent practice as I possess, and I resolve to continue to improve
my capability to this purpose.

While I keep this thought inviolate, may it be granted to me to enjoy life in my art,
forever honored by people.

OPTOMETRIC OATH

With full deliberation, I freely and solemnly pledge that:

I will practice the art and science of optometry faithfully and conscientiously,
and to the fullest scope of my competence.

I will uphold and honorably promote by example and action
the highest standards, ethics, and ideals of my chosen profession,
and the honor of the degree, Doctor of Optometry, which has been granted me.

I will provide professional care for those who seek my services,
with concern, with compassion, and with due regard for their human rights and dignity.

I will place the treatment of those who seek my care above personal gain
and strive to see that none shall lack for proper care.

I will hold as privileged and inviolable
all information entrusted to me in confidence by my patients.

I will advise my patients fully and honestly
of all which may serve to restore, maintain, or enhance their vision and general health.

I will strive continuously to broaden my knowledge and skills
so that my patients may benefit from all new and efficacious means to enhance the care of human vision.

I will share information cordially and unselfishly with my fellow optometrists and other professionals
for the benefit of patients and the advancement of human knowledge and welfare.

I will do my utmost to serve my community, my country, and humankind,
as a citizen as well as an optometrist.

I hereby commit myself to be steadfast of this,
my solemn oath and obligation.

PHARMACIST'S OATH

At this time, I vow to devote my professional life
to the service of humankind through the profession of pharmacy.

I will consider the welfare of humanity
and relief of human suffering my primary concerns.

I will apply my knowledge, experience, and skills to the best of my ability
to assure optimal drug therapy outcomes for the patients I serve.

I will keep abreast of developments and maintain professional
competency in my profession of pharmacy.

I will maintain the highest principles of moral, ethical, and legal conduct.

I will embrace and advocate change in the profession of
pharmacy that improves patient care.

I take these vows voluntarily with the full realization
of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.

OSTEOPATHIC OATH

I do hereby affirm my loyalty
to the profession I am about to enter.
I will be mindful always of my great responsibility
to preserve the health and the life of my patients,
to retain their confidence and respect
both as a physician and a friend
who will guard their secrets with scrupulous honor and fidelity,
to perform faithfully my professional duties,
to employ only those recognized
methods of treatment consistent with good judgment
and with my skills and ability, keeping in mind always
nature's laws and the body's inherent capacity for recovery.

I will be ever vigilant in aiding
in the general welfare of the community,
sustaining its laws and institutions,
not engaging in those practices which will in any way bring shame or discredit
upon myself or my profession.

I will give no drugs for deadly purposes to any person,
though it will be asked of me.

I will endeavor to work in accord with my colleagues
in a spirit of progressive cooperation
and never by word or by act cast imputations upon them
or their rightful practices.

I will look with respect and esteem
upon all those who have taught me my art.
To my college I will be loyal
and strive for its best interests
and for the interest of the students who will come after me.
I will ever be alert to further the application of basic biologic truths
to the healing arts
and to develop the principles of osteopathy
which were first enunciated by Andrew Taylor Still.

ACADEMIC PROCESSION AND REGALIA

The Academic Processional is a long standing tradition which originated in medieval universities in the eleventh and twelfth centuries. Attired in cap, hood, and gown, the faculty would present itself and its students to the local community for inspection.

The gown was originally thought to be worn for warmth, and to denote authority and privilege. Today, black is the color of the gown for all degrees, although variations represent the difference in the level of the degree.

The medieval hood was worn as a protection from the elements, or used as a satchel to carry scrolls and books. The modern hood worn today is lined with satin in the colors of the institution conferring the degree (Nova Southeastern University colors are blue and gray). In addition, the hood is trimmed with various colors of velvet facing, each color representing the academic discipline in which the degree has been granted. Salmon color has been designated to represent the public health degree. Green has been selected as the appropriate color for medicine, seafoam green for optometry and olive green for pharmacy - the colors of life and growth.

The academic cap, at one time worn by freed Roman slaves, signifies the wearer's right to academic freedom, attests to the dignity endowed upon the wearer, and the responsibility for maintaining the highest practical and ethical standards.

Graduates who as students have been recognized for academic achievement by an honors society are wearing honor cords. The cords are worn by members of Psi Sigma Alpha, the national osteopathic medical honor society, by members of Rho Chi, the national pharmacy honor society, and by members of Beta Sigma Kappa, the international optometric honor society.

