

CODE OF ETHICS

PREAMBLE

The Indiana Society of Professional Investigators hereby states that a member should at all times exhibit high professional standards, and should protect and further his or her client's interest and confidentiality, in a manner consistent with all applicable laws and circumstances. It should be the intention of every member to deal honestly, justly and courteously with all, and to practice his or her profession according to this Code of Ethics.

PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS

Section 1. Each member of the society will cooperate with other investigators and related professionals, and by the exchange of information and experience promote the welfare of his or her profession in all matters not in conflict with the member's relationship with a client or employer.

Section 2. A member will not advertise his or her services in a manner which would be deemed unprofessional or inappropriate by his or her peers, or in a dramatic, misleading, or exaggerated fashion. A member will not engage in conduct which would bring discredit, dishonor, or injury to the dignity and honor of his or her profession, or to this society.

RELATIONS WITH CLIENTS AND THE PUBLIC

Section 3. Upon request, the member will give to each client a full explanation of the work to be performed, rates and fees to be charged, and reports to be rendered.

Section 4. The member will preserve the confidentiality of the client or employer and the client's or employer's interests unless directed otherwise by the client or employer, or unless under a specific order of legal authority.

Section 5. The member will make all reporting based upon truth and fact, and will offer honest opinions and conclusions based thereon.

Section 6. The member will conduct all aspects of his or her business within the bounds of legal, moral, and ethical considerations.

Section 7. The member will not accept his assignment or employment if a personal or professional conflict of interest lies therein.

Section 7. The member will not utilize techniques, equipment, or devices which might threaten the life, limb or safety of another.

Section 8. The member will strive to improve as a professional, to respect the individual rights of others, and to insure the same of those under his or her employ, or in his or her sphere of influence.

Section 9. The member will, at every appropriate opportunity, explain to the public the role of his or her profession, relative to the furtherance of the administration of justice for all, or the right of personal protection and security in accordance with law.

RELATIONS WITH INVESTIGATORS AND OTHERS

Section 10. The member will participate in continuing education as may be directed by the Board of Directors.

Section 11. The member will not directly or indirectly injure the professional or personal reputation or business opportunities of another member. If a member believes that another member is guilty of unethical conduct, illegal activity, or unfair practice or designs, the member will present the information to the proper authority or body for action.

Section 12. The member will not criticize another member's work or business practices except in the proper forum for technical discussion and criticism.

Section 13. The member will not compete illegally with another member in the solicitation of work.

Section 14. A member will not engage in the unauthorized practice of law.

Section 15. A member will not solicit clientele for any attorney.