

**SURVEY OF FORENSIC SCIENCE ETHICS DOCUMENTS**

	AAFS	ABC	ABFDE	ABFT	ACSR	AFDAA	AFTF	ANZFSS	ASCLD C	ASCLD G <sup>1</sup>	ASCLDLAB	ASQDE	CAC	CIS	CSDIAI	CSFS	CSOFS	ENFSI	FSRreg <sup>2</sup>	IAAI	IABPA	IAI	ICSA	KBI	MAAFS	MAFS	NAME <sup>3</sup>	NCFS	NEAFS	NJAFS	NWAFS	RMABPA <sup>4</sup>	SCAFO	SOFT	SWAFDE	SWAFS	SWFS	TIAFT	US DOJ	Total / 39		
<b>1 BE OBJECTIVE (in analyses and reporting; "Be Fair" is about interactions with others)</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	34	
2 Be objective (unbiased, impartial).		X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X		X				X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X		26		
3 Be inquiring.													X																											2		
4 Have a truly scientific spirit.												X																												2		
5 Have an open mind.										X										X	X				X								X							6		
<b>6 • IN ANALYSES</b>	X	X		X		X	X				X	X	X		X					X	X		X	X		X									X	X			X	18		
7 Objectively assess evidence.	X	X		X		X						X	X	X	X						X	X		X	X		X									X				9		
8 Thoroughly examine the facts.						X					X	X								X			X		X										X	X				8		
9 Use the principles of science (be logical) when doing an analysis or examination.		X					X				X	X								X	X		X											X						X	10	
10 Don't confuse fact with theory.												X								X																					3	
<b>11 • IN REPORTING RESULTS</b>	X					X	X			X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	24	
12 Don't slant conclusions (be impartial, unbiased, independent, balanced, objective, don't give greater weight to an opinion than is due).						X	X					X			X		X			X			X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X		17	
13 Base conclusions only on facts.	X					X	X			X	X		X		X					X	X		X	X		X	X							X		X	X				14	
14 Don't assist contestants through tactics that will implant a false impression.						X				X		X								X	X															X					10	
15 Be aware of the implications of opinions and conclusions and be prepared to weigh them.						X						X																													3	
16 Consent to interviews with counsel for both sides prior to trial.	X																				X																				2	
17 Be prepared to reconsider and, if necessary, change your advice, conclusions, or opinion.																	X	X	X		X																					4
<b>18 • BY AVOIDING POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST</b>	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	28
19 Don't render services on a contingency basis.	X	X				X				X	X	X			X					X	X		X	X		X	X							X		X	X				15	
20 Don't offer or accept bribes.							X																	X																	4	
21 Don't use your membership in the association to get unjustified benefits, privileges, or exemptions.					X																X				X																6	
22 Disclose any conflicts of interest.							X										X	X	X		X																					5
23 Avoid conflicts of interest.										X																															X	3
23a Avoid alliances with those whose goals are inconsistent with an unbiased investigation.																				X																					1	
23b Strive to be aware of and avoid or resolve potential conflicts of interest.			X				X																																			2
23c Do not use association publications for advertising personal professional services.																																									X	1
<b>24 BE HONEST</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	33
25 Be honest.			X				X		X	X							X	X	X		X	X	X					X								X			X	X	X	15
25a Avoid alliances with those whose goals are inconsistent with an honest...investigation.																			X																						1	
<b>26 • ABOUT YOUR QUALIFICATIONS</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	27
27 Don't mislead regarding your experience.	X	X	X	X		X				X											X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X						X		X	X		17	
28 Don't mislead regarding your training.	X	X	X			X				X											X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X						X					16	
29 Don't mislead regarding your area of expertise.	X	X	X	X		X			X												X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X						X		X	X		17	
30 Don't mislead regarding your qualifications.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X		X						X															X		X	X		14	
31 Don't mislead regarding your education.	X	X	X	X		X				X											X	X		X	X											X	X	X	X		15	
32 Don't associate your name with developments, publications, or organizations with which you played no significant part.	X						X	X					X								X															X					9	
32a Don't mislead regarding your certification status.	X																				X															X				4		
32b Don't plagiarize.																					X																				1	
32c Properly credit work done by others.																																								X	3	
32d Don't mislead regarding your knowledge and competence.			X				X																																		2	
<b>33 • IN REPORTS</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X															X		X	X									X	X					12	
34 Don't mislead regarding data used to support conclusions.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X															X		X	X															10	
35 Don't misrepresent facts in reports or testimony.			X	X	X	X	X																X											X		X					8	
36 Don't mislead regarding scientific principles used to support conclusions.	X				X	X	X																X																		6	
<b>37 • REGARDING ASSOCIATION BUSINESS</b>	X	X																		X	X					X		X	X									X			8	
38 Don't lie on the association's membership application form.	X																																								3	
39 Don't mislead regarding your membership status in an association.	X																				X	X				X														5		
40 Don't lie to the association board or its representative(s).	X																				X																				2	
41 Don't illegally issue or receive the association's certificates of competency.	X																																								1	







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161	Encourage study of forensic sciences.	X							X												X																						3	
162	Lab managers and supervisors should maximize organizational efficiency, ensure economical expenditure of resources and personnel while maintaining necessary quality standards.																					X																						1
163	Laboratory managers and supervisors shall ensure that employees have sufficient academic qualifications, experience, knowledge, and training to perform work within their areas of expertise and operate in accordance with the Code of Ethics.																					X																						1
164	Laboratory managers and supervisors shall establish and maintain an appropriate quality assurance system.																					X																						1
165	Laboratory managers and supervisors shall promote and support participation in professional associations, certification programs, and technical working groups.																					X																						1
166	Laboratory managers and supervisors shall not allow employees to be pressured to perform substandard work, take technical shortcuts, or arrive at conclusions or opinions not supported by scientific data.																					X	X																					2

- NOTES:**
- <sup>1</sup> ASCLD G has more content than indicated here. Only principles regarding the bench-level practice of forensic science, not its management, are included in the table.
  - <sup>2</sup> From the Forensic Science Regulator's "Codes of Practice and Conduct," version 2.0, August 2014, page 9, "Code of Conduct." © Crown Copyright 2014.
  - <sup>3</sup> Physician members of NAME shall also conform to the published ethics of, and their interpretation by, the American Medical Association, the content of which is not entered into this spreadsheet
  - <sup>4</sup> RMABPA does not have a code of ethics, but has a three-part statement that any applicant for membership must sign.

AAFS	American Academy of Forensic Sciences	CAC	California Association of Criminalists	MAAFS	Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientists
ABC	American Board of Criminalistics	CIS	Canadian Identification Society	MAFS	Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists
ABFDE Eth	Am. Board of Forensic Document Examiners, "Code of Ethics and Std. Practices"	CSDIAI	California State Division of the IAI	NAME	National Association of Medical Examiners
ABFDE Off	ABFDE, "Code of Conduct for Officers, Directors, Comm. Members & Other Officials"	CSFS	Canadian Society of Forensic Sciences	NCFS	National Commission on Forensic Science
ABFT	American Board of Forensic Toxicology	CSOFS	Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences (formerly FSS-UK)	NEAFS	Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists
ACSR	Association for Crime Scene Reconstruction	ENFSI	European Network of Forensic Science Institutes	NJAFS	New Jersey Association of Forensic Scientists
AFDAA	Association of Forensic DNA Analysts and Administrators	FSRReg	Office of the Regulator, Home Office, UK (draft)	NWAFS	Northwest Association of Forensic Scientists
AFTE	Association of Firearm and Tool Mark Examiners	FSS-UK	Forensic Science Society, United Kingdom (see CSOFS)	RMABPA	Rocky Mountain Association of Bloodstain Pattern Analysts
ANZFSS	Australian and New Zealand Forensic Science Society	IAAI	International Association of Arson Investigators	SCAFO	Southern California Association of Fingerprint Officers
ASCLD C	American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors "Code of Ethics"	IABPA	International Association of Bloodstain Pattern Analysts	SOFT	Society of Forensic Toxicologists
ASCLD G	ASCLD, "Guidelines for Forensic Laboratory Management Practices"	IAI	International Association for Identification	SWAFDE	Southwest Association of Forensic Document Examiners
ASCLD/LAB	American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors / Laboratory Accreditation Board	ICSIA	International Crime Scene Investigators Association	SWAFS	Southwestern Association of Forensic Scientists
ASQDE	American Society of Questioned Document Examiners	KBI	Kansas Bureau of Investigation	SWFS	Society for Wildlife Forensic Science
				TIAFT	The International Assoc. of Forensic Toxicologists
				US DOJ	The United States Dept. of Justice