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Facial Identification Practitioner Code of Ethics

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1. Practitioners shall cooperate with other professionals in the Facial Identification and Facial Recognition community to promote advancement through scientific research. Knowledge of any new discoveries, developments or techniques applicable to the forensic sciences shall be shared with the peer community;
2. Expertise is based on training, study, experience, judgment, and demonstrated competency. Practitioners shall not misrepresent their qualifications;
3. Practitioners shall not undertake examinations or give testimony in areas in which they are not qualified;
4. Practitioners shall perform examinations utilizing accepted techniques and methods which are reliable and accurate with accepted standards and controls;
5. Conclusions shall not be knowingly misrepresented;
6. Practitioners shall render unbiased testimony and endeavor to promote the understanding of their examinations and findings in an impartial manner;
7. Practitioners shall keep all privileged communications confidential;
8. Practitioners in violation of this Code of Ethics shall be reported to the FISWG executive board.

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