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Facial Identification Practitioner Code of Ethics

1. Practitioners shall render unbiased testimony and endeavor to promote the understanding of their examinations and findings in an impartial manner.

2. Members of FISWG in violation of this Code of Ethics shall be reported to the FISWG executive board pursuant to by-laws.

3. Practitioners shall perform activities utilizing accepted techniques and methods which are reliable and accurate with accepted standards and controls.

4. Expertise is based on training, study, experience, judgment, and demonstrated competency. Practitioners shall not misrepresent their qualifications.

5. Practitioners shall not undertake activities or give testimony in areas in which they are not qualified.

6. Opinions shall not be knowingly misrepresented.

7. Practitioners shall cooperate with other professionals in Facial Identification, Facial Recognition, and other forensic communities 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.

8. Practitioners shall keep all privileged communications confidential.

9. Practitioners should alert FISWG to relevant issues within the forensic community.

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