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- 1. Practitioners shall act with honesty, integrity, objectivity, and impartiality, and to the best of their ability, render unbiased opinions and endeavor to promote the understanding of their comparisons and findings in an impartial manner.
- 2. Practitioners who testify in court should recognize and acknowledge their overriding duty to the court and the administration of justice.
- 3. Practitioners shall perform activities utilizing accepted techniques and methods that are reliable and accurate with accepted standards and controls.
- 4. Practitioners shall not misrepresent their qualifications. Expertise is based on training, experience, demonstrated competency, proficiency testing, and ongoing professional development.
- 5. Practitioners shall not undertake activities or give opinions in areas in which they are not qualified.
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