



Texas Division of the International Association for Identification

Standards of Professional Conduct for Members of the Texas Division of the International Association for Identification

- Every member shall comply with the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Texas Division of the International Association for Identification.
- Every member shall strive for the highest standards of personal and professional conduct.
- Every member shall conduct him or herself personally and professionally within the laws of his or her respective government.
- Every member of this Association shall conduct him or herself in a professional manner that will not violate the public trust.
- Every member shall cooperate with peers in the advancement of the science and profession, or his or her respective discipline(s).
- Every member shall maintain and strive to improve his or her knowledge, skills, and abilities and shall continue to use all available resources to be knowledgeable of advances in his or her respective discipline(s).
- A member shall not misrepresent his or her affiliation with the Association.
- A member shall not issue any misleading or inaccurate statement that gives the appearance of representing the official position of the Association.
- A member shall not exaggerate, embellish or misrepresent his or her professional qualifications or credentials. Membership in the Association does not, by itself, qualify any member in any forensic discipline.
- A member shall neither offer nor accept any gift or inducement that might improperly influence the performance of duties by him or herself or others.
- A member shall not knowingly make, promote or tolerate false accusations of a personal, professional or criminal nature.
- A member shall report any violation of this code to the President of the Association. A member shall cooperate fully with any official investigation by this Association.
- A member shall maintain and keep inviolate confidential information obtained in the course of professional endeavors.
- A member shall scientifically examine evidence and render professional opinions only in the discipline(s) which he or she is qualified.
- A member shall maintain an objective and unbiased attitude in conducting forensic examinations in his or her qualified discipline(s).
- A member shall exercise due care to ensure and maintain the integrity of all evidence within his or her custody.
- A member shall conduct all examinations of evidence using accepted and established scientific methods.
- A member shall comply with appropriate standards and controls in conducting examinations and analyses in his or her discipline, and shall seek verification of findings in accordance with contemporary scientific principles.