

APEPQ's PROFESSIONAL INVESTIGATORS' CODE OF ETHICS

- I. A Professional Investigator shall at all times demonstrate a commitment to professionalism and diligence in the performance of his or her duties.
- II. A Professional Investigator shall not engage in any illegal or unethical conduct, or any activity which would constitute a conflict of interest.
- III. A Professional Investigator shall, at all times, exhibit the highest level of integrity in the performance of all professional assignments, and will accept only assignments for which there is reasonable expectation that the assignment will be completed with professional competence.
- IV. A Professional Investigator will comply with lawful orders of the courts, and will testify to matters truthfully and without bias or prejudice.
- V. A Professional Investigator, in conducting investigations, will obtain evidence or other documentation to establish facts and a reasonable basis for any opinion rendered. No opinion shall be expressed regarding the guilt or innocence of any person or party.
- VI. A Professional Investigator shall not reveal any confidential information obtained during a professional engagement without proper authorization.
- VII. A Professional Investigator shall not reveal all material matters discovered during the course of an investigation, which, if omitted, could cause a distortion of the facts.
- VIII. A Professional Investigator shall continually strive to increase the competence and effectiveness of professional services performed under his or her direction.