

CODE OF ETHICS

As a member of the Association of Forensic Document Examiners, I hereby embrace this Code of Ethics and pledge to abide by its guidelines and constraints.

In my work as a Forensic Document Examiner, affiliated with the Association of Forensic Document Examiners, I will conduct myself and my business in a manner that is a credit to my profession.

I understand and agree with the official position of the Association of Forensic Document Examiners that the practices and principles of graphoanalysis/graphology (i.e., personality assessment through the use of handwriting) are not recognized as training for, nor are they applicable in, the field of Forensic Document Examination.

I specifically agree not to engage in the practice of graphoanalysis/graphology as a member of the Association of Forensic Document Examiners.

In every case, my findings and opinions will be based solely upon the facts and merits of the evidence I have examined.

Always, I will seek to understand the truth, without bias, for or against any party.

I will keep confidential all information and opinions regarding my cases.

In the appropriate forum, I will communicate my findings and opinions as clearly and fairly as I am able.

If a complaint for any breach of the Code of Ethics is made against me by either a member of AFDE or a non-member, then the Ethics Committee of the AFDE shall review the complaint.

I will have the opportunity to present information to rebut any complaint alleging the breach of the Code of Ethics to the Ethics Committee of the AFDE. The Ethics Committee shall weigh the evidence and information presented to it and make a recommendation to the Executive Board.

The Executive Board shall decide the ultimate validity of the complaint and shall have the right to impose sanctions against me, including termination of my membership in the AFDE.

I agree that I shall accept as final the decision of the Executive Board.

Pledged to this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signature: _____