

Model Code of Ethics

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This Code of Ethics was approved by the CCLS Board of Directors as a set of recommended guidelines for use by Member Associations in the preparation of provincial codes.

Article 1

A surveyor should assist in preventing the unauthorized practice of his profession.

- (a) a surveyor shall not sign a certificate, report, or plan relating to works that was not completed and prepared under his personal supervision and for which the surveyor assumes professional responsibility.
- (b) a surveyor shall not enter into any arrangement that would enable any unauthorized person or corporate body to practise the profession of land surveying directly or indirectly.
- (c) a surveyor shall not knowingly and willingly become an accessory to a misdemeanour by failing to report any unauthorized practice to his Council.
- (d) a surveyor shall prohibit his non-professional staff from performing activities that may be interpreted by the public as professional in nature.
- (e) surveyor shall not establish branch offices unless these offices are under the direction and management of a resident land surveyor.

Article 2

A surveyor should assist in maintaining the integrity and competence of the survey profession and should assist in improving the survey system.

- (a) the surveyor shall assume the professional responsibility for all works carried out by his non-professional staff.
- (b) the surveyor shall not further the application for admission to his profession of another person known by the surveyor to be unqualified by nature of his character, education or other attributes.
- (c) the surveyor shall continually advance his knowledge and skills by participation in his association/corporation activities and any relevant continuous education programmes.
- (d) the surveyor shall maintain permanent, clear and concise field notes and records, of all land surveying activities.
- (e) the surveyor shall at all times, serve his client or his employer to the best of his knowledge and ability.

Article 3

The surveyor should assist his pupils and employees to achieve their optimum level of contribution to society.

- (a) the surveyor shall instruct his pupils in the practical aspects of land surveying to the best of his ability.

(b) the surveyor shall assist his pupil in obtaining instruction in theoretical aspects of land surveying and in developing professional techniques as required.

(c) the surveyor shall assure his employees and pupils of proper working conditions, and equitable remuneration.

(d) the surveyor shall cultivate into his employees, the utmost integrity and a clear understanding of the professional obligation to society.

Article 4

The surveyor should perform his professional services, assess and receive fair and just compensation from his client commensurate with; the technical complexity, level of responsibility and liability potential of the services performed.

(a) the surveyor shall not enter into any fee splitting arrangement with any person other than another surveyor engaged in the same works.

(b) the surveyor shall give consideration to any schedule of fees published as information by the surveyors provincial association or corporation during the preparation of accounts for his client.

(c) the surveyor shall not enter into any competitive bidding practice, but may provide a preliminary non-binding estimate for his clients.

(d) the surveyor shall not make any fraudulent or exorbitant charges for his services.

Article 5

A surveyor should avoid even the appearance of professional impropriety.

(a) the surveyor shall disclose to his client any conflict of interest, affiliation or prior involvement that could impair the quality of his services to the client.

(b) the surveyor shall prevent his name being used in a professional way in association with any persons or enterprises of a dubious or doubtful character.

(c) the surveyor shall refrain from criticism in public of the conduct or practice of his colleagues.

(d) the surveyor shall not receive compensation for the same service from more than one source, except with the knowledge of the involved parties.

(e) the surveyor shall ensure that his client has knowledge of any available appeal procedures in the event of disputes over accounts or his professional conduct.

Article 6

The surveyor shall preserve the confidences of his client and regard as privileged the information the surveyor may obtain regarding the affairs of his client.

(a) the surveyor shall maintain confidentiality with respect to the client's affairs during as well as after the completion of the surveyor's assignment or termination of his employment.

(b) the surveyor shall be responsible for the adherence to this Article by his articulated students and

staff.

Article 7

The surveyor should exercise unbiased independent professional judgement on behalf of a client, and should represent a client competently.

(a) the surveyor shall disregard compromising interests and loyalties, and within the limits of the law, shall confine his activities to those benefiting his client.

(b) the surveyor shall not accept assignments beyond his professional competence.

(c) a surveyor shall not endeavour, by contract or otherwise, to limit his individual liability to his client.

(d) a surveyor shall not accept assignments that are beyond his resources to complete in a reasonable time and to carry out in a professional manner.

Article 8

The surveyor should maintain the dignity of the profession through his associations with his clients, colleagues and subordinates.

(a) the surveyor shall limit his advertising to the adequate provision of information to the public.

(b) the surveyor shall refrain from any false or misleading statements or self-laudatory language in any advertising.

(c) the surveyor shall not attempt directly or indirectly to injure the professional reputation, and business prospects of any other land surveyor.

(d) the surveyor shall not solicit knowingly, assignments from the client of another surveyor.

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