

Code of Ethics

Board of Criminology

Article I PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF REGISTERED CRIMINOLOGIST

- a. The primary responsibility of every person admitted to the practice of Criminology as a Registered Criminologist is to bear faithful allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines and be loyal to his profession. They shall accept as a sacred obligation and responsibility as citizens to support the Constitution of the Philippines and as a Registered Criminologist to defend the principles of liberty as defined in the Constitution and Laws.
- b. As a Registered Criminologist, they shall strive to improve their effectiveness by diligent study and sincere attention to improvement and welcome the opportunity to disseminate practical and useful information relating to matters accruing to the benefit of public safety and welfare.

Article 2 LIMITATION OF AUTHORITY

- a. The first duty of a criminologist as upholder of the law is to know its bounds upon him, be aware of limitations and prescriptions and recognize the system of government that gives to no man group or institution absolute power. He must ensure that he is prime defender of that system and as such must never pervert its character.
- b. They shall in the performance of their duty be just, impartial and reasonable, never according anyone more preferential treatment than another. They shall recognize the limitation of their authority and at no time use the power of their profession for personal advantage.

Article 3 PRIVATE CONDUCT

- a. The Registered Criminologist must be mindful of his special identification by the public as an upholder of the law. He must never be lax in conduct or manner in private life, express disrespect for the law, nor seek to gain special privilege that would be reflective upon the profession. He must so conduct his private life that the public will regard him as an example of stability fidelity and morality.
- b. He must strive to elevate the standing of the profession in the public mind, strengthen public confidence in law enforcement, develop and maintain complete support and cooperation of the public and insure the effectiveness by encouraging complete cooperation of members for their mutual benefit.

Article 4 CONDUCT TOWARDS THE PUBLIC

- a. The Criminologists remind at all times that dignity, fairness and a genuine willingness to help are essential to their public image and their ability to do a good job.
- b. The Criminologists mindful of their responsibility to the whole community, deal with individuals of the community in a manner calculated to instill respect for its laws and their profession.
- c. They shall be habitually courteous and accept their responsibility by being punctual and expeditious in their engagements and duties. They shall regard their profession as a public trust and in the discharge of their duties, bear constantly in mind their obligation to serve the public efficiently and effectively.

Article 5 ATTITUDE TOWARDS PROFESSION

- a. The criminologists shall strive to make the best application of science to the solution of crime, by diligent study and sincere attention to self improvement, and in the fields of human relationships, strive for effective leadership and public influence in matters affecting public safety.

- b. He shall appreciate the importance and responsibility of his profession as an honorable one rendering valuable service to his community and country. They shall strive to attain certain of the most withering cross examination particularly from fellow criminologists and associates.
- c. He shall avoid outside influence from overzealous and overanxious clients and his findings shall be based solely and entirely on logical and scientific deduction derived from a fair and impartial examination personally performed by him.
- d. He must never lose sight of the important fact that he should no only work for the identification, apprehension and conviction of criminals, but must strive with greater if not equal vigor to clear the innocent.

Article 6
ATTITUDE TOWARDS
FELLOW CRIMINOLOGISTS

- a. The Criminologists shall strive constantly to improve professional standing of Criminology through association with others in the profession and keeping abreast with the fast moving world of science and technology through constant research and development.
- b. He shall cooperate fully with fellow criminologists regardless of personal prejudice. He should however, be assured that such action is proper and in accordance with law and guard against the sue of this office or person, knowingly or unknowingly in any improper or illegal action. He always bear in mind at all times that it isnot sufficient to be proficient in oneÕs work, he must also have a high sense of justice, a belief in the dignity and worth of all men and a proper motivation and attitude. He must possess a sense of dedication to his profession and a sense of duty and obligation to his fellowmen.
- c. He shall cooperate with fellow criminologists and public officials to the end that the safety and general welfare of the public will be assured, never permitting jealousies or personal differences to influence their professional duties and obligations.

Article 7
CODE OF ETHICS

The universally accepted Code of Ethics for Law Enforcement shall be temporarily adopted pending formulation of a more specific code that embraces all aspects of Criminology.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS

As a Law Enforcement Officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception; the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality and justice. I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulation of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty. I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With the compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution or criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor malice or ill will, never eploying unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities. I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the other of the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives, and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession. . .law enforcement.

Article 8
EFFECTIVITY

This Code of Ethics for Registered Criminologist shall be effective upon approval hereof by the Commission and after fifteen (15) days following its publication in the official Gazette.