



THE ASSOCIATION OF PRIVATE DETECTIVES AND INVESTIGATORS, INDIA (CODE OF ETHICS) – 2007

1.0 Code of Ethics:

- 1.1** Every member of Association of Private Detectives and Investigators, India, shall share a singular responsibility for maintaining the integrity and trust of the private detective or investigative profession. In discharging this responsibility the member shall:-
- 1.2** Endeavor to perform his professional duties in accordance with the highest moral principles:
- 1.3** Direct his concerted efforts toward the support, advancement, elevation and furtherance of high personal and professional conduct in the pursuance of business in his own communities, his country and with his fellow members wherever they may be.
- 1.4** Strive to strengthen the membership by selecting and approving for membership only those individuals qualified personally and professionally and whose business operations are conducted in an honest and legitimate manner.
- 1.5** Be faithful and diligent in carrying out assignments entrusted to the member and to determine the true facts and render honest, unbiased reports in reference thereto.
- 1.6** Respect the best interests of his clients by maintaining a high standard of performance and reporting to his clients of full facts ascertained as a result of the work and effort expended whether they be advantageous or detrimental to the interest of the client; and that nothing be withheld from the client save by the dictates of law.
- 1.7** At all times perform his duties within the bounds of the law and will not permit nor demand of any employee nor fellow member any violation of the law or any manner or fraud.
- 1.8** Labor diligently and unceasingly to elevate the standard of practices of his agency members and will not tolerate unscrupulous invasion of his business contracts with clients by any member who intrudes knowingly and willfully for his own private advantage or financial gain to the detriment and/ or injury of another member.

- 1.9** Promote and protect the interest of his fellow members, and all members of the profession having knowledge of any unlawful or unprofessional practices of any other member shall immediately inform the APDI thereof so that disciplinary action may be taken.
- 1.10** Further an honest and legitimate manner of operation and will preserve a client's confidence beyond the term of employment of any private detective, investigator, or other employee; and other employment will not be accepted which involves the disclosure or use of the confidences either for the private advantage of the member or his employees, or to the disadvantages of the client without his knowledge and consent, even though there may be other available sources of information.
- 1.11** Respect the rights of his clients and refrain from divulging information to newspapers or other publications in the protection of his clients and to prevent interference in the administration of justice or a fair trial in the courts.
- 1.12** Refrain from using unprofessional media for advertising or by personal communications or interviews that fail to qualify in professional capacity and fidelity to trust.
- 1.13** Avoid controversies with fellow members concerning compensation by using some form of written agreement or letter, which shall state terms, or fees as agreed upon by both parties. At all times, he shall remember that the private investigator/detective business is a profession and all financial dealings with clients should be handled on that basis; and that a private detective or investigator should accept no compensation, commission, rebate or other advantage from others without the knowledge and consent of his client. If necessary, he may resort to the courts to prevent injustice, imposition, or fraud.
- 1.14** Promote programs with educational intent designed to raise standards, improve efficiency, and increase effectiveness of the private investigator/detective profession.
- 1.15** Work together toward the achievement of the professional objectives of the APDI.
- 1.16** Observe strictly the percepts of truth, accuracy and prudence.
- 2.0** By-laws, Association of Private Detectives and Investigators, India
Every member shall pledge to accept the by laws of the Association of Private Detectives and Investigators, India as amended from time to time and shall abide by the provisions which would be binding on him in all matters of enrolment, discipline and continuation of the membership,
- 3.0** Private Detectives and Investigators, India (Discipline, and Appeal) Rules, 2007.
- 3.1** Every member, in the matter of Conduct Rules (2007) will be governed by the Association of Private Detectives and Investigators, India (Discipline, and Appeal) Rules, 2007