

All members of the Association for Enterprise Growth (AEG) pledge in writing to abide by the Association's Code of Ethics, adherence to which signifies voluntary assumption of self-discipline. As an organization committed to high standards of technical competence, collaboration and professional conduct, AEG requires adherence to this Code of Ethics as a condition of membership. The standards of conduct set forth in this Code provide basic principles in the ethical practice of professional advisory services but do not absolve any member of adherence to ethical or conduct standards of other professional associations to which they belong or those of their clients.

The purpose of this Code is to help AEG members maintain professionalism and adhere to high ethical standards in the conduct of providing professional advisory services to clients and in their dealings with colleagues and the public. The individual judgment of members is required to apply these principles. Members are liable to disciplinary action under enforcement policies as approved by the AEG Board of Directors if their conduct is found by AEG to be in violation of the Code.

My Commitment to My Clients

1.0 I will serve my clients with integrity, competence, independence, objectivity, and professionalism.

2.0 I will mutually establish with my clients realistic expectations of the benefits and results of my services.

3.0 I will only accept assignments for which I possess the requisite experience and competence to perform and will only assign staff or engage colleagues with the knowledge and expertise needed to serve my clients effectively.

4.0 Before accepting any engagement, I will ensure that I have worked with my clients to establish a mutual understanding of the objectives, scope, work plan, and fee arrangements.

5.0 I will treat appropriately all confidential client information that is not public knowledge, take reasonable steps to prevent it from access by unauthorized people, and will not take advantage of proprietary or privileged information, either for use by myself, the client's firm, or another client, without the client's permission.

6.0 I will avoid conflicts of interest or the appearance of such and will immediately disclose to the client circumstances or interests that I believe may influence my judgment or objectivity.

7.0 I will offer to withdraw from a consulting assignment when I believe my objectivity or integrity may be impaired.

My Commitment to Fiscal Integrity

8.0 I will agree in advance with a client on the basis for fees and expenses and will charge fees that are reasonable and commensurate with the services delivered and the responsibility accepted.

9.0 I will not accept commissions, remuneration, or other benefits from a third party in connection with the recommendations to a client without that client's prior knowledge and consent, and I will disclose in advance any financial interests in goods or services that form part of such recommendations.

My Commitment to the Public and the Profession

10.0 If within the scope of my engagement, I will report to appropriate authorities within or external to the client organization any occurrences of malfeasance, dangerous behavior, or illegal activities.

11.0 I will respect the rights of consulting colleagues and consulting firms and will not use their proprietary information or methodologies without permission.

13.0 I will not advertise my services in a deceptive manner nor misrepresent or denigrate individual professional advisors, firms, or their professions.

14.0 I will report to AEG if I perceive a violation of the Code, and will promote adherence to the Code by other advisors, whether members of AEG or not, working on my behalf.

Member Pledge to Abide by the Code of Ethics for the Association for Enterprise Growth

The AEG is committed to provide technically competent, collaborative and ethical advisory services to member clients. As such, it requires all of its members who choose to participate in its Regional Councils to attest to their understanding of and adherence to the AEG Code of Ethics. This attestation, renewable annually, is the basis for adjudication of allegations and violations of the AEG Code of Ethics under enforcement policies as approved by the AEG Board of Directors.

I, _____, have read and understand the AEG Code of Ethics and agree to be bound by its conditions and to submit to adjudication of any allegations made toward me under the provisions of the Code and by a process specified in AEG ethics enforcement policies.

I understand that this voluntary adherence to the AEG Code of Ethics has no bearing on my commitments to standards of professional conduct for other entities to which I am bound and does not absolve me of responsibility under any other commitments of professional conduct.

I understand that any allegations made and adjudication applied under AEG ethics enforcement policies apply to me individually and not to any organization with which I am affiliated by contract or association.

Member Name

Council

Date

Accepted by AEG

Date